

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

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MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL OFFICES
GARSHAKE ROAD
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Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 29 September 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID MCMILLAN

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive
Executive Director of Corporate Services
Executive Director of Educational Services
Director of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership
Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and state the reasons for such declarations.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 25 August 2010.

4. PRESENTATION BY STRATHCLYDE POLICE ON INTERVENTION OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME GROUPS

Detective Inspector Joe McKerns, Force Tasking and Interventions Unit, Strathclyde Police will give a presentation on intervention opportunities within local authorities for serious and organised crime groups.

5. OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

6. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 8 September 2010.

7. ESTABLISHING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP

Submit report by the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership seeking approval of the Scheme of Establishment that sets out the role, functions and governance arrangements of the new Partnership.

8. CHANGES REQUIRED TO WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS TO CREATE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP (CHCP)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services:-

- (a) seeking approval of changes required to be made to the Council's Standing Orders to facilitate the establishment of the CHCP; and
- (b) recommending removal of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership.

9. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP – STANDING ORDERS FOR MEETINGS

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services proposing a single style of Standing Orders which can be used by the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership.

10. COMMITTEE TIMETABLE – JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2011

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to consider the proposed timetable for meetings of the Council and its Committees from January to December 2011.

11. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – CLYDE WATERFRONT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking retrospective approval of the nomination of the Leader of the Council to serve on the Clyde Waterfront Strategic Partnership Board.

12. CORPORATE PLAN 2011/2015

Submit report by the Chief Executive seeking agreement on:

- (a) the themes, priorities and objectives for the 2011/15 Corporate Plan;
- (b) the Performance Indicators (PIs) that have been identified to monitor progress towards the 2011/15 corporate objectives; and
- (c) the targets that have been set for these indicators for each of the four years covered by the Plan.

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on treasury management during 2009/10.

14. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 4 (2010/11)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing the Council of the performance of the General Services Revenue budget for the period ending 30 July 2010.

15. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 4 (2010/11)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with an update on the Capital Plan for 2010/2011.

16. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2010/11 - BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT (PERIOD 4)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing the Council with an update on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the period ending 31 July 2010.

17. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT (PERIOD 4)

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising the Council of the progress made on the HRA Capital Programme 2010/11.

18. VETERANS' CHAMPION

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services asking the Council to consider the appointment of a Council Champion to represent the interests of Armed Forces Veterans.

19. QUESTIONS

Questions by Councillor David McBride to the Convener of Educational Services - Accelerated Incremental Progression for Teachers

In December 2008 Teachers and the Education Department agreed an accelerated incremental progression process to enable newly appointed teachers to use previous work to progress up the pay scale for skills gained before they became a teacher.

According to Mr. Dave Clarke, the Educational Department's Head of Service (Resources) "... recent costs have been in excess of £12,000 per claim" and "*Backdating can be costly and is not budgeted for...*"

- (a) Therefore will the Convener of Education confirm how much has been paid out in Accelerated Incremental Progression for Teachers since 2008?
- (b) What budget did the awards come from?
- (c) Given that there is no budget provision for payments for 2010/2011 can the Convener inform the Council how much will be required to fund the back payments in 2010/2011; and
- (d) Which budgets will be used to fund these payments?

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20. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) Motion by Councillor Jim Bollan – Renton Community Development Trust

Council welcomes the proposals by Renton Community Development Trust (RCDT) to develop Renton EECC as a community nursery and notes that by doubling the provision of this service in the Village, this will have significant benefits for the health, social well-being and regeneration of the area. Council agrees, subject to the building being surplus to the Council's requirements, to undertake an options appraisal to assess the costs and benefits of transferring the building to RCDT at a reasonable value of (a) nil value or (b) less than market value.

(B) Motion by Councillor Geoff Calvert – Scaffolding Costs

This Council notes with extreme concern the costly effect of the current scaffolding contract. Whilst in no way would this Council sanction unsafe working practices, the expense of using scaffolding for work such as gutter cleaning does not provide Best Value. For work that is then recharged to individual residents, the cost can, at best, be considered extortionate. As a recent example, for one side of a 4-in-a-block property, the cost of the work carried out was £117.09. When the cost of scaffolding was added, the total cost came to £1599.04 – a ratio of 7.46% of total cost for the work and 92.54% for scaffolding.

This Council, whilst not compromising safe working practices, has a responsibility to ensure that the Council can demonstrate Competitiveness and Best Value to our residents and believes that this current situation requires to be urgently reviewed.

Therefore, this Council requests the Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development to bring forward a report to the next HEED Committee in October that will make recommendations as to how this situation can be greatly improved. In addition to a review of the current contract, it is expected that methods of working practices also will require to be examined in order to identify more cost-effective methods of working.

(C) Motion by Councillor Jim Bollan – Management Rules for Parks and Open Spaces

To seek a review of the Management Rules for Parks & Open Spaces specifically relative to the control of dogs. The review should consider altering the rules to make it an offence for a person with a dog not to have the dog on a leash at all times.

(D) Motion by Councillor Jim Bollan – Partial Housing Stock Transfer

In the spirit of inclusiveness, this Council agrees that all matters/reports normally remitted to Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee regarding the partial housing stock transfer will now be submitted to full Council for decision.

Members are asked to note that the Council will need to suspend Standing Orders No 19 (a) and (c) prior to consideration of the above motion as (i) a period 6 months has not passed since Council made a decision on this matter; and (ii) if approved, the motion will require Standing Orders to be altered.

(E) Motion by Councillor Ronnie McColl – Digital Switchover

Council notes that it has been brought to the attention of local members in the Vale of Leven area that following digital switchover in May 2011, residents in the Vale of Leven and Dumbarton areas will only receive a partial Freeview service with access to only 18 channels through the Millburn Muir transmitter.

In contrast, Council notes that the Black Hill transmitter, which serves Clydebank, will have the ability to transmit 58 Freeview channels.

Council instructs the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive to enter into correspondence with Digital UK with a view to increasing the service within the Millburn Muir transmission area.

(F) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl – Privatisation of Royal Mail

Council notes that the Conservative/Liberal Democrat Westminster Government has announced the majority privatisation of Royal Mail.

Councillors in West Dunbartonshire have been part of campaigns in the past to save post office services and we continue to oppose moves that will have an adverse effect on service provision and local jobs.

Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the joint trade unions, Gemma Doyle MP and Lord John McFall to ascertain how the Council can assist any campaign against this decision.