

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
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Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of the **Social Justice Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 8 November 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID MCMILLAN

Chief Executive

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Chief Executive
Director of Education and Cultural Services
Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services
Acting Director of Social Work Services

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 9)

Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Meeting of the Social Justice Committee held on 13 September 2006.

3. RACE EQUALITY SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

(Pages 11 - 38)

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the progress of the delivery of the Race Equality Scheme Action Plan 2005-2006, and seeking approval for the Race Equality Scheme Action Plan 2006-2007.

4. DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME (Pages 39 - 78)

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting a draft West Dunbartonshire Council Disability Equality Scheme (DES) 2006-9. This includes the West Dunbartonshire Education Authority DES 2006-9.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

(Pages 79 - 87)

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing information on the progress of the delivery of the Equality and Diversity Strategy Action Plan.

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6. SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION

(Pages 89 - 105)

Submit report by the Chief Executive advising of the publication of the results of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2006 and noting the changes in deprivation in West Dunbartonshire from the previous results published in 2004.

7. INTEGRATED CARE PLANNING FOR ADDICTION SERVICES

(Pages 107- 110)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an overview of Care Planning for individuals with addiction issues and highlighting national recognition through the Scottish Executive's Improvement Service, including an investment of £50,000.

8. CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORTS

(Pages 111 - 112)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services summarising three inspection reports received from the Care Commission on Care Homes for Older People managed by West Dunbartonshire Council. These cover the period between April 2006 and July 2006.

9. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION

(Pages 113 - 114)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the Care Commission's consultation paper which proposes a reduction in the minimum frequency of inspections for certain care services from 1 April 2007.

10. SOCIAL WORK SERVICES QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

(Pages 115 - 117)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the timescaled implementation plan for all social work services to be accredited with a recognised quality management scheme by December 2008, as approved in the Quality Management Systems Policy at the Social Justice Committee in October 2005.

11. MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

(Pages 119 - 141)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the outcome of a key local conference to promote positive mental health and well being and to develop the concept of mental health recovery in West Dunbartonshire.

12. IMPROVED SERVICES FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CARERS

(Pages 143 - 148)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the work, completed and ongoing, carried out by Social Work Services in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support to address cancer poverty in West Dunbartonshire.

13. MACMILLAN CARERS SERVICE

(Pages 149 - 151)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an update on the development of the Macmillan Carers Service and providing information on the decision of Macmillan Cancer Support to extend the funding of the service for a further 2 years.

14. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Pages 153 - 166)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an update on the Departmental Continuing Professional Development policy.

15. TELECARE BID – SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE (Pages 167 - 170)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the Council's bid for telecare funding from the Scottish Executive.

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16. BENEFITS TAKE-UP CAMPAIGN FOR OLDER PEOPLE

(Pages 171 - 174)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the need for a Campaign to raise awareness of the importance of maximising income for older people through benefit up-take, and, in particular, to help eliminate fuel poverty to ensure the lives of older people in West Dunbartonshire are more comfortable and secure.

17. DELAYED DISCHARGE POSITION

(Pages 175 - 178)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services:-

- (a) advising of performance improvements in the key target of reducing the number of West Dunbartonshire residents whose hospital discharge has been delayed at the point of the 15 September 2006 local census; and
- (b) advising of the actions taken to sustain the current downward trend in line with national policy and locally agreed improvement targets.

18. REPORT ON STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2005/2006 AND QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2006 – COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

(Pages 179 - 191)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing a progress report on Social Work Performance for the period 1 July to 30 September 2006.

In line with Scottish Executive Best Value Guidance and Audit Scotland recommendations, this report presents information for elected members and stakeholders as part of wider Public Performance Reporting.

19. SOCIAL WORK BUDGETARY POSITION 2006/07 AS AT PERIOD 5 TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2006

(Pages 193 - 217)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the performance of the Social Work budget for the period to 15 September 2006.

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20. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2006/2007 – BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 5)
(Pages 219 - 222)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services updating the Committee on the financial performance of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to the period ended 15 September 2006.

21. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 - BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 5)
(Pages 223 - 227)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services advising on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2006/2007.

22. HOUSING – NON HRA REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT 2006/2007 TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 5)
(Pages 229 - 238)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services advising the Committee on the financial performance of the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account to the period ended 15 September 2006. Budgetary control statements for the Housing – Non HRA Revenue Account are also presented to the full Council to allow the Council to monitor performance.

23. HOUSING MAINTENANCE TRADING OPERATION 2006/2007 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 5)
(Pages 239 - 241)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services presenting the Committee with the interim cumulative financial performance information for the period ending 15 September 2006.

24. STATISTICAL INFORMATION: WAITING LIST, VOIDS, LETS & HOMELESS
(Pages 243 - 254)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing statistical information in relation to the waiting list for West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC) houses, the reasons for termination of tenancies and the void and lets position as at 30 September 2006.

25. HOUSE SALES (Pages 255 - 260)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on West Dunbartonshire Council houses sold under the Right to Buy scheme between 1 April 2006 and 31 August 2006. The appendix to the report give details of houses sold by type and by area, together with information for the financial year 2005/2006 for comparison purposes.

26. MEASURED TERM CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK – 2007/2010

(Pages 261 - 266)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services advising of tenders received for the Measured Term Contract for Repairs and Planned Maintenance of West Dunbartonshire Council's Housing Stock – 2007/2010 and seeking approval to accept the most economically advantageous tender.

27. PARTNERING ARRANGEMENTS WITH MEASURED TERM CONTRACTORS

(Pages 267 - 269)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services updating and providing further information on the proposed implementation of partnering arrangements for specific measured term contracts.

28. HOUSING, REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - PERFORMANCE REPORT

(Pages 271 - 310)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on the performance of areas within the housing service. The report contains information on:-

- (a) Statutory Performance Indicators for the second quarter of 2006/2007 and unaudited year end performance figures (Appendix 1 to the report); and
- (b) the Department's programme of Best Value Reviews for the housing service (Appendix 2 to the report).

29. RENT HARMONISATION (Pages 311 - 312)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing information on the progress made in the implementation of the fourth stage of the rent harmonisation programme.

30. FULL EMPLOYMENT AREA INITIATIVE COMMUNITY RENEWAL – WHITECROOK AND DRUMRY (Pages 313 - 314)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services seeking approval to let 51 Onslow Road, Clydebank to Community Renewal up to 31 March 2008.

31. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR FUNDING: STRATHCLYDE POLICE (Pages 315 - 317)

Submit report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services providing details of how the funding provided to Strathclyde Police under West Dunbartonshire Council's anti social behaviour budget is being spent.

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