

# Agenda



## Requisitioned Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council

**Date:** Wednesday, 25 September 2024

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**Time:** 14:00

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**Format:** Hybrid meeting

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Dear Member

Please attend a requisitioned meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** as detailed above.

Members will have the option to attend the meeting remotely or in person at the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton.

The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**PETER HESSETT**

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

Provost Karen Murray Conaghan  
Councillor James Bollan  
Councillor Ian Dickson  
Councillor Diane Docherty  
Councillor Fiona Hennebry  
Councillor Gurpreet Singh Johal  
Councillor Daniel Lennie  
Councillor David McBride  
Councillor Jonathan McColl  
Councillor James McElhill  
Councillor Michelle McGinty

Councillor June McKay  
Councillor John Millar  
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill  
Councillor Lauren Oxley  
Councillor Chris Pollock  
Councillor Martin Rooney  
Councillor Gordon Scanlan  
Councillor Hazel Sorrell  
Councillor Clare Steel  
Councillor Sophie Traynor

Chief Executive  
Chief Officers

Date of issue: 19 September 2024

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**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**AGENDA**

**1 STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING**

**2 APOLOGIES**

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**4 RECORDING OF VOTES**

The Council is asked to agree that all votes taken during the meeting will be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

**5 POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION**

In terms of Standing Order No.3(b) Councillors Fiona Hennebry, Gurpreet Singh Johal, David McBride, Michelle McGinty, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Martin Rooney, Hazel Sorrell and Clare Steel have submitted the following:-

We the undersigned request that a requisitioned meeting be called to debate the following motion:-

At the Council on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August the SNP Alliance demonstrated their majority at Council by electing an SNP Provost, creating the circumstances where they would hold the casting vote which could be used to prevent a future Labour budget from being approved, and potentially putting the long term financial sustainability of the Council into question.

As a result, the Labour Councillors resigned the Leadership and Senior Councillor positions to allow them to take control of West Dunbartonshire Council so that they could set the political direction of the council and would have sufficient time to work on their proposals to set a balanced budget for 2025/26; 2026/27; and 2027/28 budgets.

In accordance with Standing Order 3 (b) we the undersigned call on the Chief Executive to set a Special Council Meeting to discuss the following urgent matters of business:-

- (1) to hear from the SNP Alliance of their intentions to take over the administration of West Dunbartonshire Council;
- (2) to receive a report from the Chief Executive Officer setting out the vacant positions in Council, Committee, Joint Committee, Constituted Bodies and External Bodies and Organisations; and
- (3) to fill these positions in accordance with Standing Order 1 and Standing Order 29(l).

**6 VACANCIES ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES, ETC.– SEPTEMBER 2024 5 – 8**

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration requesting the Council to fill the current list of vacancies on council committees, senior councillor positions, working groups and outside bodies as a result of recent resignations by Elected Members.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration****Requisitioned Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council: 25 September 2024**

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**Subject: Vacancies on Council Committees, etc.– September 2024****1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to request the Council to fill the current list of vacancies on council committees, senior councillor positions, working groups and outside bodies as a result of recent resignations by elected members.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Council nominates elected members to fill the various vacant positions listed in the appendix to this report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** In the past month, the Chief Executive has been notified of a number of resignations by individual members of the Council which has resulted in a number of vacancies on committees and working groups. In addition, at the meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 August 2024, the Council Leader informed the Council that the Labour Administration intended to resign, which would result in a number of senior councillor positions becoming vacant including the Leader of Council, Depute Leader of Council and Depute Provost. This was subsequently confirmed in writing following the Council meeting.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** It is important that all vacancies are filled as soon as possible to ensure the effective running of Council.

**5. People Implications**

- 5.1** There are no direct implications for employees of this Council.

**6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1** There are no financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** There is a risk of reputational damage if the Council does not fill these positions, especially those which are senior councillor positions. In the absence of any political direction, senior officers will continue to deliver services based on existing policies and direction but this is not desirable in the long term.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** There are no impacts on equalities groups arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** Officers from legal and finance have been consulted on the content of this report.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1** This report does not have a direct impact on the Council's Strategic priorities but the non-filling of senior councillor positions could have a detrimental impact on the delivery of those priorities in the longer term.

**Alan Douglas**  
**Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration**

**Date: 18 September 2024**

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**Appendices:** List of vacancies on council committees, etc., on 16 September 2024.

**Background Papers:** EIA screening.

**Wards Affected:** All

**West Dunbartonshire Council  
Vacancies as of September 2024**

APPOINTMENT	NO.	COMMENTS
Depute Provost	1	Resignation of Cllr Millar
Leader of the Council	1	Resignation of Cllr Rooney
Depute Leader of the Council	1	Resignation of Cllr McGinty
<b>CONVENERS AND DEPUTE CONVENERS</b>		
<b>Appeals Committee –</b> Convener	1	Senior Councillor Resignation of Cllr Hennebry
<b>Alexander Cross Cameron Bequest Committee –</b> Member	1	Resignation of Cllr McAllister. Members should be from ward 4, 5, & 6
<b>Corporate Services Committee</b> – Convener and Spokesperson	1	Senior Councillor Resignation Cllr McGinty
<b>Cultural Committee –</b> Depute Convener	1	Resignation of Cllr McKay
<b>Educational Services Committee -</b> Convener and Spokesperson  Member	1 1	Senior Councillor. Resignation of Cllr Steel. Member - Resignation of Cllr McAllister
<b>Housing &amp; Communities Committee -</b> Convener and Spokesperson	1	Senior Councillor Resignation Cllr Singh Johal
<b>Infrastructure, Regeneration &amp; Economic Development Committee –</b> Convener and Spokesperson	1	Senior Councillor, Resignation Cllr McBride

<b>CONVENERS AND DEPUTE CONVENERS</b>		
<b>Licensing Board –</b> Depute Convener*	1	Cllr Millar was the depute, now the convener, as agreed at Licensing Board mtg - 03.09.24

<b>Licensing Committee – Convener**</b>	1	Senior Councillor resignation Cllr O'Neill
<b>Planning Committee and Local Review Body – Convener**</b>	1	Senior Councillor resignation Cllr O'Neill
Member	1	Member - Resignation of Cllr McAllister
<b>Tendering Committee – Deputy Convener</b>	1	Resignation of Cllr McKay

\*Any nomination made in respect of this position would be a recommendation to the Licensing Board as it is for the Board to determine and not Council.

\*\* The Convener of Licensing Committee and Planning Committee is currently one senior councillor position.

## COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND TRUSTS

Working Group	Vacancies
Gaul Trust (2) (Must be Provost and Depute)	1 x Depute Provost
Member/Officer Cost of Living Working Group	2 x Resignation by SNP members.

## JOINT BOARDS / COMMITTEES AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership	Vacancies
Glasgow City Region City Deal	Leader of Council plus substitute

## OUTSIDE BODIES

Organisation	Vacancies
Dunbritton Housing Association - Management Committee	1 x opposition member
Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair	2 x subs opposition members
West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau	1 (Resignation of Cllr McAllister)