

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

5 August 2005

MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2005
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
DUMBARTON ROAD
CLYDEBANK**

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, 10 August 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

TIM HUNTINGFORD

Chief Executive

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Director of Education and Cultural Services
Director of Housing and Technical Services
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 11 May 2005.

3. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL – DISABILITY EQUALITY STRATEGY

(Pages 11 - 53)

Submit report by the Chief Executive setting out a Disability Equality Strategy and action plan for consideration by the Committee.

4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MONITORING

(Pages 55 - 79)

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting Equal Opportunities Monitoring Guidance to the Committee and recommending that this be agreed and implemented across the Council.

5. SOCIAL WORK SERVICE PLAN 2005-2009

(Pages 81 - 190)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services presenting the Social Work Service Plan for 2005-2009 to the Committee for approval.

6. SOCIAL WORK BUDGETARY POSITION 2005/06 AS AT PERIOD 3 TO 15 JULY 2005

(Pages 191 - 216)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the performance of the Social Work budget for the period to 15 July 2005.

7. SOCIAL WORK SERVICES PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2004/2005

(Pages 217 - 227)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the performance of Social Work Services in 2004/2005.

8. PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF DAY CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN NORTH CLYDEBANK

(Pages 229 - 232)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of developments in the provision of Day Care for older people at Queen Mary Avenue Day Centre and to propose that the service currently provided at the Faifley Hub be amalgamated and moved to Queen Mary Avenue.

9. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP (WDDAP)

(Pages 233 - 250)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of some of the achievements of the West Dunbartonshire Domestic Abuse Partnership over the period 2001-5 and seeking support for the development of a financial framework, which will ensure the long-term future of the Partnership.

10. ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES

(Pages 251 - 253)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an outline on service funding uplifts announced by the Scottish Executive, updating the report on Integrated Addiction Services presented to the Committee on 11 May 2005.

11. SOCIAL WORK GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

(Pages 255 - 258)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of various grant applications received by Social Work Services from voluntary organisations seeking funding and making recommendations on the level of funding to be provided.

12. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY AND OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2005/08

(Pages 259 - 346)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing details of West Dunbartonshire's Anti Social Behaviour Strategy and Outcome Agreement 2005/08 and seeking retrospective approval to submit the document to the Scottish Executive.

13. REDECORATION ALLOWANCES

(Pages 347 - 348)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of the Internal Audit comment regarding redecoration allowances.

14. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL – PETS POLICY

(Pages 349 - 358)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval to introduce a Pets Policy in respect of houses owned and managed by West Dunbartonshire Council.

15. HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES – PERFORMANCE REPORT

(Pages 359 - 368)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing information on the performance of areas within the Department of Housing and Technical Services.

16. DISPOSAL OF SITE AT 1-26 & 77-99 REDBURN, NEW BONHILL AND DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES AT 351-363, 377-389 AND 364-376 PAPPERT, NEW BONHILL AND 1,3,5,7 TURNBERRY PLACE, CASTLEHILL

(Pages 369 - 371)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval:-

- (a) to dispose of the site of the former WDC houses at 1-26 & 77-99 Redburn, New Bonhill to Dunbritton Housing Association Ltd.;
- (b) to demolish the tenemental blocks at 351-363 and 377-389 Pappert; and
- (c) to demolish the tenemental blocks at 364-376 Pappert, New Bonhill and 1,3,5,7 Turnberry Place, Castlehill (retrospective consent).

17. DISPOSAL OF SHOPS AND FLATS AT 17-29 BROWN STREET, MILL OF HALDANE AND LAND AT 1 CARMONA DRIVE, MILL OF HALDANE

(Pages 373 - 375)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval:-

- (a) to transfer the commercial premises and associated Council owned flats at 17-29 Brown Street, Mill of Haldane at nil value to Dunbritton Housing Association Ltd.; and
- (b) to dispose of the site of the former maisonette block at 1 Carmona Drive, Mill of Haldane and the grassed area to the north, to Cube Housing Association Ltd. at a price to be agreed between the purchaser and the Council's Estates Section.

18. VOIDS AND LETTINGS

(Pages 377 - 384)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing:-

- (a) details of void houses and their status (i.e. with repairs, with allocations, etc.) as at 24 June 2005;
- (b) an analysis of all void houses by type and by area (i.e. Clydebank, Dumbarton and Vale of Leven) as at 24 June 2005;

- (c) details of the number of void houses by Ward in the Clydebank area as at 24 June 2005;
- (d) details of the number of void houses by Ward in the Dumbarton area as at 24 June 2005;
- (e) details of the number of void houses by Ward in the Alexandria area as at 24 June 2005; and
- (f) an analysis of houses let on a quarterly basis between July 2004 and June 2005 together with comparative figures for 2004/2005.

19. HOUSING AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT STATISTICAL INFORMATION
(Pages 385 - 390)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing an update on Housing and Council Tax Benefit performance for the financial year 2004/2005.

20. RENT ARREARS
(Pages 391 - 394)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing an update on the performance of rent arrears for the financial year 2004/2005.

21. WAITING LIST FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL HOUSES
(Pages 395 - 397)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing a breakdown of the number of applicants on the waiting list for West Dunbartonshire Council houses and their present circumstances. In this respect, the information provided is as at 30 June 2005 and figures for the same period in 2004 are also included for comparison.

22. HOUSE SALES
(Pages 399 - 401)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing information on West Dunbartonshire Council houses sold under the Right to Buy scheme between 1 April and 30 June 2005.

23. HOMELESSNESS

(Pages 403 - 407)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing information on the number of persons who applied to West Dunbartonshire Council as being homeless, or threatened with homelessness, between 1 April 2005 and 30 June 2005.

24. PERFORMANCE OF THE HOUSING MAINTENANCE SERVICE DURING 2004/2005 AGAINST KEY BUSINESS OBJECTIVES AS OUTLINED WITHIN THE HOUSING MAINTENANCE DLO BUSINESS PLAN 2004-2007

(Pages 409 - 414)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing an update on the performance of the housing maintenance service against desired outcomes and objectives as detailed within the Housing Maintenance DLO Business Plan for the years 2004-2007.

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