

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU**

10 February 2011

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2011  
MAIN HALL  
ABBOTSFORD CHURCH HALL  
ABBOTSFORD ROAD  
CLYDEBANK**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Main Hall, Abbotsford Church Hall, Abbotsford Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 23 February 2011 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

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership

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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 MEETINGS**

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the undernoted Meetings of West Dunbartonshire Council:-

- (a) Special Meeting held on 26 January 2011
- (b) Ordinary Meeting held on 26 January 2011
- (c) Special Meeting held on 27 January 2011
- (d) Adjourned Special Meeting on 9 February 2011 **(copy to follow)**

**4. OPEN FORUM**

**Neil Etherington on behalf of the Clydebank Indoor Bowling Club (CIBC) – Request to consider the possibility of providing a full size indoor bowling green in Clydebank**

The new Clydebank Leisure Centre will not include provision for a full size indoor bowling green. The Head of Neighbourhood Services has told the CIBC that consideration could be given to offer a *short carpet* facility in an existing Community Hall. The CIBC regard this as a totally inadequate alternative, and asks that the elected members request WDC Officers to explore the acceptable option of providing a full size indoor bowling green, in Clydebank, before the existing Play Drome closes.

**5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 12 JANUARY 2011**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 12 January 2011.

**6. MINUTES OF THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP ON 2 FEBRUARY 2011**

**(copy to follow)**

Submit for information, the Minutes of the Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership held on 2 February 2011.

**7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND (ILF)**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 26 January 2011, submit report by the Partnership Director providing an update on the recent changes made by the Independent Living Fund and the possible impact on West Dunbartonshire Council.

**8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2010/11 - BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 31 DECEMBER 2010 (PERIOD 9)**

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 December 2010.

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**9. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/2011 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2010 (PERIOD 9)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising the Council of progress of the HRA Capital Programme for the period to 31 December 2010.

**10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION PAPER ON DETERMINING COUNCILLOR NUMBERS**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking the Council's views on the questions posed in the Boundary Commission's Consultation Paper on determining Councillor numbers in order to allow a response to be made to the Commission prior to 31 March 2011.

**11. APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHORT-LIFE MEMBER/OFFICER ABSENCE WORKING GROUP**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 12 January 2011, submit report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for the establishment of a short-life Member/Officer Working Group on absence.

**12. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT – PERIOD 9 (2010/11)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising the Council of the performance of the General Services Revenue Budget for the period to 31 December 2010.

**13. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT – PERIOD 9 (2010/11)**

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

**14. BEST VALUE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2010/11 (copy to follow)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the Best Value Improvement Plan (BVIP) for 2010/11.

**15. ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (copy to follow)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting an updated Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) scorecard report.

**16. QUESTION**

**Question by Councillor John Millar to Spokesperson for Housing, Environment and Economic Development**

Council notes that following the recent extreme winter weather the Council purchased gravel from Glasgow City Council.

I understand that Glasgow City Council had decided no longer to use gravel for winter gritting as the effectiveness is not as good as salt and clean up costs can be significant especially when drains become blocked.

Can the Convener inform Council what action is being taken to clear the gravel from roads and pathways and advise us what the expected clean up will cost?

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(a) Motion by Councillor William McLaughlin – Feasibility of locating an Indoor Bowls facility within the Clydebank (Bruce Street) Pool Building**

Council requests that officers examine the suitability and feasibility of accommodating an Indoor Bowls facility within the Clydebank (Bruce Street) Pool Building. Options to include Multi-purpose venue, costs, funding and implications of leaving building unused.

**(b) Motion by Councillor George Black – Decision taken by Housing, Environment and Economic Development (HEED) Committee to close Community Learning & Development Cafés**

This Council, with the Joint Trade Unions Committee, agrees wholeheartedly with the local UNITE Union Branch in their opposition to the decision reached by the HEED Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 where it was agreed to close the Community Learning & Development Cafés by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

This proposal was presented by HEED Management without any form of consultation with the JTUC.

We call upon Council to suspend the decision taken pending formal consultation with Trade Unions, Community Groups and Service Users.

Further we instruct an equality impact assessment. This should be appended to a report to the next Council meeting outlining the impact on staff and service delivery.

**Note: Members are asked to note that the suspension of Standing Order 19 (a) will be required in order to consider this motion as a period of six months has not passed since a decision was taken on this matter.**

**(c) Motion by Councillor Martin Rooney – Street Lighting Programme**

Council notes that Labour's additional investment Street Lighting Improvement Programme ensured that the dilapidated street lighting in some of our communities was replaced. In Lomond Ward the street lighting was replaced in Mollanbowie, Levenvale, Carrochan Road and parts of Tullichewan.

However, since 2008 the Council's investment programme in street lighting has been limited and Carrochan Estate, parts of Dalvait Estate and Tullichewan Estate are still waiting for replacement.

Council notes that there is a criteria for prioritising street lighting replacement.

Council agrees that as part of the 2011/2012 Capital Programme consideration be given to replacing street lighting in the following areas:-

- Carrochan Estate – Smith Crescent and Granger Road

- Dalvair Estate - McDonald Walk, Lynn Walk and Old Mill Walk
- Tullichewan Estate – Cameron Drive and Russell Drive

Council notes that there will be other areas which will require new street lighting and calls on the Chief Executive to bring forward a report detailing the street lighting that needs to be replaced. The report is to include the financial implications and options for a phased programme of street lighting improvements.

**(d) Motion by Councillor Geoff Calvert – Award of contract by the Scottish Government to CACI Limited for provision of various services for the 2011 Census**

This Council notes that the Scottish Government has awarded the £18.5 million pound contract for key IT work and other services for the 2011 census to CACI Ltd.

This Council notes that the Scotland Against Criminalising Communities (SACC) website, [www.sacc.org.uk/index.php](http://www.sacc.org.uk/index.php) cites CACI Ltd as a wholly owned subsidiary of CACI International and states the following:

- (1) That CACI International is beyond the reach of Scottish and British law.
- (2) That CACI International is a US-based defence contractor which was contracted to provide "interrogation services" for the US army at Abu Graib prison in Iraq.
- (3) CACI denies any wrongdoing but has tried to block lawsuits brought by former Abu Graib prisoners by claiming "official immunity."

This Council notes that in response to objections against the awarding of the Census contract to CACI Ltd, the Scottish Government has stated it "understands the views" of people who have written to it about the contract but "refuses to cancel it".

This Council notes that it has no power of itself to intervene in contracts awarded by the Scottish Government.

Therefore, this Council requests the Chief Executive to write to all West Dunbartonshire MSPs and request that they table questions to the Parliament in order to assure themselves that this organisation is one with which the people of Scotland would wish to carry out the business of the Scottish Government.