

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

12 August 2010

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST 2010  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL  
DUMBARTON ROAD  
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Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 25 August 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID MCMILLAN**

Chief Executive

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All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive  
All Executive Directors

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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 Wednesday, 30 June 2010.

**4. OPEN FORUM**

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

**5. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 JUNE 2010**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 16 June 2010.

**6. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 24 JUNE 2010**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 24 June 2010.

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**7. AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE – QUORUM**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services proposing an amendment to the quorum of the Audit and Performance Review Committee.

**8. WDC CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY**

Submit a report by the Chief Executive presenting a draft Continuous Improvement Strategy which harmonises the approaches that will be used to ensure services are continuously improving and systematically delivering best value.

**9. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE YEAR 2009/10**

Submit report by the Chief Executive reviewing the performance of the Key Corporate Performance Indicators for 2009/10.

**10. SHARED RISK ASSESSMENT - ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Submit report by the Chief Executive presenting for the first time the Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) received from the combined scrutiny bodies in June 2010.

**11. CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM – PUBLIC SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK (PSIF)**

Submit report by the Chief Executive informing the Council of the Corporate Management Team (CMT) Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) self assessment and seeking approval to implement the West Dunbartonshire Council Improvement Plan.

**12. DESIGNATION OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

Submit report by the Chief Executive asking the Council to consider the designation of polling districts and polling places from 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011.

**13. LOCH LOMOND AND THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK: LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS TO THE PARK AUTHORITY BOARD**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing of a reduction to the local authority membership on the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority Board and asking the Council to nominate a member to serve on the Board from 2 October 2010.

**14. DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2009/2010**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with a copy of the draft Annual Accounts for 2009/10 and highlighting matters of interest.

**15. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2010/11 (PERIOD 3)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing the Council of the performance of the General Services Revenue Budget for the period to 30 June 2010.

**16. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2010/11 (PERIOD 3)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services updating the Council on the General Services Capital Plan for 2010/2011.

**17. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2010/11 - BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 30 JUNE 2010 (PERIOD 3)**

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) to the period ended 30 June 2010.

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**18. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2010 (PERIOD 3)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising the Council on progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2010/11 as at 30 June 2010.

**19. QUESTIONS**

**Questions by Councillor Martin Rooney to Provost Denis Agnew on the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority (LLTTNPA)**

- (a) When was the last time you attended a Board meeting of the LLTTNPA?
- (b) How many meetings of the LLTTNPA have you attended in 2010?
- (c) How much have you been paid in 2010 as a Board member of the LLTTNPA?
- (d) What communication have you had with the LLTTNPA with regard to your attendance record as a Board member?
- (e) What correspondence have you received from the LLTTNPA with regard to payment of future monthly fees to you?
- (f) What was your response to receiving notification that Scottish Ministers may remove a member from office if they are satisfied that a member has been absent from meetings of the National Park Authority for a period of three consecutive months without the permission of the Authority?
- (g) What was your response to the indication that payment of your monthly fees may be withdrawn with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010?

**20. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(a) Motion by Councillor Bollan – Hospitalwatch**

This Council, in recognising that Hospitalwatch has nominated Jim Moohan as its representative to the Vale Monitoring Group (VMG) which was set up to oversee the implementation of the “Vision for the Vale”, agrees to write to the VMG advising that West Dunbartonshire Council supports Mr Moohan’s selection and now calls on the VMG to confirm his appointment as soon as possible and ensure he is invited to take his position up at the next meeting of the group.

**(b) Motion by Councillor John Millar – Security Checks at Schools and Educational Establishments**

This Council is concerned at claims that reduced security checks to schools and educational establishments, as a consequence of the Council Budget decision could result in increased incidents of vandalism and hence increased costs.

This Council requests the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development to bring forward a report to the next Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee outlining the operational impact of this Budget decision.

**(c) Motion by Councillor David McBride – Independent Budget Review Report**

This Council notes with concern the publication of the Independent Budget Review report headed by Mr. Crawford Beveridge.

The Review set up by John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance threatens redundancy for 60,000 workers within the public sector in Scotland.

With this in mind we request that the Executive Director of Corporate Services brings a report of the full implications for WDC of the Beveridge Report.

**(d) Motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl**

Council notes that Councillor Craig McLaughlin has resigned as Vice Convener of the Civic Licensing Committee and agrees that Councillor Ronnie McColl will take over this position.

**(e) Martin Rooney - Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority**

Council notes the Scottish Government's intention to reduce West Dunbartonshire Council's representation on the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority Board from two Executive Directors to one Executive Director.

Council also notes that despite receiving over £7,000 a year in expenses in his role as an Executive Director of the Board, Provost Denis Agnew has failed to attend any Board Meetings for the past eight months.

Given Provost Agnew's abject failure to live up to the responsibilities of an Executive Director, this Council calls on him to resign from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Board with immediate effect.

Council also asks Provost Agnew to consider returning the £5,000 of unearned remuneration he has received over the past 8 months or so.

Furthermore, Council is concerned about the discredit, embarrassment and reputational damage that Provost Agnew has brought upon this Council and calls on Provost Agnew to consider whether he is a fit and proper person to continue as the Provost and First Citizen of West Dunbartonshire.

**(f) Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Community Centre – Unmet Need**

Council notes that a leisure trust model is currently being explored by West Dunbartonshire Council, which may include Community Centres.

Council further notes that some communities within West Dunbartonshire, such as Mountblow, have no community centre or community facilities at present.

With this in mind, the Council asks that unmet need in communities such as Mountblow is taken into consideration when the leisure trust model is being examined.

In addition, if the leisure trust model proceeds, that a report on unmet need within West Dunbartonshire communities is brought to the appropriate Committee.

**(g) Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – VAT**

Council believes that the increase in VAT to 20% will punish those who can least afford it, noting that VAT amounts to 10.8% of the income of the poorest 20% of the population but just 4.5% of the income of the richest 20%.

Council notes that during the election campaign David Cameron called the VAT a 'regressive' tax and acknowledged that it 'hits the poorest hardest'. He said he had 'no plans' to raise it.

Council further notes that the Liberal Democrats also campaigned against any VAT rise and that both parties broke their promise to the electorate and changed their plans just weeks after forming the coalition.

With this in mind, Council calls on the Government to reverse the decision to increase VAT to 20% and requests that the Leader of the Council write to the Government to express this opinion.