

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

6 May 2005

MEETING: SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2005
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
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DUMBARTON**

Dear Member

Please attend a Meeting of the **Social Justice Committee** to be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 11 May 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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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 9 March 2005.

3. ADDITIONAL REPORT ON CONVERSION OF LOFT SPACE IN TENEMENTAL AND FOUR-IN-A-BLOCK PROPERTIES

(Pages 11 - 16)

Submit report by the Director of Corporate Services seeking further instructions on the Council's policy regarding loft/attic conversions in tenemental or four-in-a-block properties where the Council has or formerly had an ownership interest in the roof space.

4. INTEGRATED ADDICTION SERVICE FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

(Pages 17 - 26)

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

- (a) providing an overview of addiction services within West Dunbartonshire and highlighting new resources and benefits achieved through partnership working; and
- (b) seeking approval to utilise new funds to invest in Social Work Addiction Services.

5. SOCIAL WORK GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
(Pages 27 - 31)

Submit report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing information on the 2005/06 applications for Social Work Grants to voluntary organisations and making recommendations thereon.

6. 14-20 GOLFHILL DRIVE, DALMONACH (Pages 33 - 35)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services seeking approval to dispose of the 4-in-a-block house at 14-20 Golfhill Drive, Dalmonach, to Dunbritton Housing Association Ltd., for the purpose of constructing housing for people with physical disabilities.

7. VOIDS AND LETTINGS (Pages 37 - 44)

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

- (a) details of void houses and their status as at 1 April 2005;
- (b) an analysis of void houses by type and by area as at 1 April 2005;
- (c) details of the number of void houses by Ward and by area as at 1 April 2005; and
- (d) an analysis of houses let on a quarterly basis between April 2004 and March 2005 together with comparative figures for 2003/04.

8. WAITING LIST FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL HOUSES
(Pages 45 - 47)

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 31 March 2005 and figures for the same period in 2004 are also included for comparison.

9. HOUSE SALES

(Pages 49 - 53)

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 2004 and 31 March 2005.

10. HOMELESSNESS

(Pages 55 - 60)

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 2004 and 31 March 2005.

11. PROGRESS UPDATE ON HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2003-2006

(Pages 61 - 104)

Submit report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services providing information on progress on the implementation of the Homelessness Strategy 2003-2006 to April 2005.

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