

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Social Justice Committee : 8 November 2006

Subject: Rent Harmonisation

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the progress made in the implementation of the fourth stage of the rent harmonisation programme.

2. Background

2.1 Reports were submitted to the Social Justice Committee on 9 June 2004, 10 November 2004 and 12 October 2005 regarding progress on the implementation of the rent harmonisation programme.

2.2 The Committee agreed that the fourth stage of the rent harmonisation programme would be implemented in September 2006 and each September thereafter until harmonisation is complete.

2.3 The Committee also agreed to limit the increase to £1 per week.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The fourth stage of the rent harmonisation programme was implemented on Monday, 18 September 2006.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 A total of 2,247 rents were increased and the weekly increase ranged from 1p to £1.

4.2 The total gross weekly increase amounted to £2,085 which equates to a gross annual increase over the 47 rent pay weeks of £97,995.

5. Personnel Issues

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

6. Conclusions

6.1 The fourth stage of the rent harmonisation programme was successfully implemented on 18 September 2006. There were 2,247 rents increased which equate to an annual increase over 47 weeks of £97,995.

7. Recommendation

7.1 The Committee is invited to note the implementation of the fourth stage of the rent harmonisation programme and:-

- (a) agree that the fifth stage of the rent harmonisation programme be introduced in September 2007;**
- (b) agree to limit the increase to £1.00 per week; and**
- (c) instruct the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services to bring forward regular reports on progress.**

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Ward Affected	All
Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	Report to Social Justice Committee – 9 June 2004, Rent Harmonisation Report to Social Justice Committee – 10 November 2004, Rent Harmonisation Report to Social Justice Committee - 12 October 2005, Rent Harmonisation
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