

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

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**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2010  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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Dear Member,

**ERRATUM NOTICE**

I refer to the agenda of the above meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council which was issued on 2 December 2010 and attach for your attention, a copy of a Notice of Motion which was inadvertently omitted from the original agenda.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID MCMILLAN**

Chief Executive

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## ERRATUM

### 14. NOTICE OF MOTION

#### (b) **Motion by Councillor Geoff Calvert - Housing Property Maintenance Trading Account**

This Council notes that Local authorities have a statutory target of generating revenues not less than expenditure (break-even) over a rolling three-year period for each significant trading operation. This Council notes also that over the financial three-year period from 2007-2010, the Housing Property Maintenance Account has generated a 'profit' of £3.204 million for the General Services Account. Furthermore, in the financial five-year period from 2002-2007, a total of £5.795 million was transferred.

Whilst this total of approximately £8 million income to the General Services Account has been welcome, this Council recognises that the West Dunbartonshire Tenants and Residents Organisation (WDTRO) has made a strong case to retain all or part of the Housing Property Maintenance Trading Account surplus within the Housing Revenue/Capital Accounts (HRA) in order to speed up work required to bring Council housing stock up to the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) 2015.

This Council recognises that any Trading Account surplus not transferred to the General Services Account as happens at present, would require the resulting shortfall in the General Services account to be made up through efficiency savings and/or increased charges and notes also that these surpluses are not generated by housing repairs alone.

However, given that these surpluses have been budgeted for within the General Services, account, this Council recognises that under the 1973 legislation, Local Authorities are expressly forbidden from transferring funds from General Services. Account to the HRA. Therefore, in having great sympathy for the case put forward by the WDTRO, this Council regrets that it is not able to simply transfer the full surplus to the HRA.

However, if a way can be found to budget for the rates of surplus being currently generated in a way that will allocate 50% of the total surplus to General Services and retaining the other 50% within HRA for allocation to the Housing Capital Programme, this Council agrees that the potential benefit of an infusion of an extra £0.5 million per year approximately to Housing Capital will be of substantial benefit to both Council tenants and the wider community.

Therefore, this Council requests the Chief Executive to prepare a report as to how this laudable aim can be achieved as a matter of urgency so that it can be considered as part of the budget process for the financial year 2010/11.