

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU**

14 October 2011

**MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2011**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**COUNCIL OFFICES**  
**GARSHAKE ROAD**  
**DUMBARTON**

Dear Member,

Please attend a Meeting of **West Dunbartonshire Council** to be held in the **Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 26 October 2011 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

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 MEETING**

Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 28 September 2011.

**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 WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Submit for information, the Minutes of the Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership held on 21 September 2011.

**6. MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2011 (copy to follow)**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 22 September 2011.

**7. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 28 September 2011.

**8. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE RE-PROVISION OF AUCHENTOSHAN DAY CENTRE**

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the re-provision of Auchentoshan Day Services.

**9. KPMG LLP – 2010/11 AUDIT – FINAL REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the findings in relation to the external auditor's (KPMG LLP) final report to Members on the completion of their 2010/11 audit.

**10. SECURITISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S NON-OPERATIONAL ESTATE'S PORTFOLIO**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development informing of the progress that has been made in relation to the Securitisation Project and seeking approval to take forward the recommendations contained in the report.

**11. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/2012 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2011 (PERIOD 5)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising the Council of the progress made on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme 2011/12.

**12. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2011/2012 - BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT TO 31 AUGUST 2011 (PERIOD 5)**

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 August 2011.

**13. GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 5 (2011/12)**

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 31 August 2011.

**14. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2011 (PERIOD 5)**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing the Council with an update on the General Services Capital Plan for 2011/12.

**15. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2010/2011**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services presenting the audited financial statements for the year to 31 March 2011.

**16. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REPORT 2011/12**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on treasury management and prudential indicators during 2011/12.

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**17. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2011**

Submit report by the Chief Executive advising on representations received in relation to the proposed Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for parliamentary elections and recommending adoption of a final scheme.

**18. SIXTH REVIEW OF THE UK PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES**

Submit report by the Chief Executive informing on the Boundary Commission for Scotland's provisional proposals for the sixth review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies and making recommendations thereon.

**19. REPRESENTATION ON HMP LOW MOSS – VISITING COMMITTEE**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services requesting that the Council consider making two Elected Member nominations to the Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) Low Moss – Visiting Committee.

**20. QUESTION**

**Question by Councillor Willie McLaughlin – Community use of St Peter the Apostle Sports Fields**

Could I have an update on the community use of St Peter the Apostle sports fields? What measures have been taken to tackle the reported disturbance problems for local residents and when will the sports fields be fully available to community groups?

**21. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(A) Motion by Councillor Gail Casey – Orthodontics**

This Council notes the recent decision by the Scottish Government to introduce the '*Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN)*' guidance in Scotland.

Council notes that the impact of this is that some children will no longer be entitled to orthodontics treatment in Scotland.

Council agrees that this is a retrograde step and one that will impact on the poorest families and middle income earners.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council to raise this matter at the next NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board meeting and demand a reversal of this policy.

Council also instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing condemning this change. Additionally, the Chief Executive is instructed to write to all Local Authorities in Scotland asking them to raise this issue at Council and call on their representatives on NHS Boards to support this Campaign.

**(B) Motion by Councillor George Black – Procedure for appealing the refusal of information requested by an Elected Member**

This Council agrees that where an officer refuses to respond to a Councillor's request for information that there will be an agreed procedure to allow the Councillor a fast track method of appealing the refusal.

**(C) Motion by Councillor Martin Rooney – Youth Unemployment**

This Council notes with great concern the ever more worrying situation regarding youth unemployment within West Dunbartonshire.

Recent figures published of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) Claimant Count for young people under 18 show that between July and August 2011 whilst the overall Scotland figures showed a 2.1% drop, within West Dunbartonshire, the count ROSE by 14.3%. Furthermore, in comparison with all other Local Authority areas in Scotland, only North Ayrshire with a youth unemployment rate of 6.9% exceeded the rate of 6.5% within West Dunbartonshire

What is of far deeper significance, however, is the trend over the last 3 years. For the last three years, the actual number of under 19 year olds registered for JSA has gone from 395 in Aug 2009 to 470 in August 2011, a percentage increase of 20.5%. Only the Scottish Borders with an increase of 28.6% has worse figures within Scotland.

It is clear that things are getting worse for young people in their attempts to join the working population. Whilst this Council would be justified in condemning the Con Dem coalition for axing the Future Jobs Fund, this alone will do nothing to assist our families and young people within West Dunbartonshire.

This Council believes that it is the role of governments, at all levels, to protect citizens and to do whatever possible in order to help them to achieve fulfilling lives. That is the implicit commitment expected of all elected representatives. Government is not just about delivering services.

Therefore, notwithstanding the limited resources at its disposal, this Council agrees that as a matter of principle, it will commit itself to create and provide as many Modern Apprenticeships, in as wide a scope of services as possible, commencing in April 2012.

In preparation for the launch of these new apprenticeships, this Council requests the Chief Executive to bring forward fully costed options prior to setting the budget for 2012 so that Council can select the options it wishes to support and allocate appropriate funds to support them.

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