

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU

20 May 2008

MEETING: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
DUMBARTON ROAD
CLYDEBANK**

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, 28 May 2008 at 7.00 p.m.**

The business is as shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

DAVID MCMILLAN

Chief Executive

Distribution:-

All Members of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Chief Executive

Executive Director of Corporate Services

Executive Director of Educational Services

Executive Director of Social Work and Health

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental & Economic Development

For information on the following agenda please contact George Hawthorn, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU on Tel: (01389) 737204 or e-mail: george.hawthorn@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2008

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on:-

- (a) 30 April 2008; and
- (b) 14 May 2008.

3. OPEN FORUM

The Council is asked to note that to date no open forum questions have been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

4. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE ON 24 APRIL 2008

Submit for information, and where necessary ratification, the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Participation Committee held on 24 April 2008.

5. LAY MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 16 April 2008, submit report by the Chief Executive seeking clarification on the issue of voting rights for lay members serving on the Audit & Performance Review Committee.

6. REMIT FROM THE HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - DUMBARTON TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee held on 7 May 2008, submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development seeking approval of and adoption of the Dumbarton Town Centre Masterplan as Supplementary Planning Guidance as a strategy for the regeneration of the town centre.

7. EMPLOYEE SURVEY ACTIONS GROUP

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing the Council with an update on the progress of the Employee Survey Actions Group (ESAG).

8. BUDGET 2008/09 – ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTAL SAVINGS

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on developments to address the budget decision to identify a further 1% efficiency savings by April 2009.

9. CLYDEBANK LEISURE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT – SALE OF PLAY DROME SITE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 30 April 2008, submit report by the Chief Executive addressing issues raised by Members following a report by the Chief Executive concerning the Clydebank Leisure Centre Development - Sale of Play Drome Site and seeking approval of recommendations on the way forward.

10. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2007

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the Scottish Government Response to the Independent Review of Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections 2007 and seeking the Council's view on the timing of future local elections.

11. FREE SCHOOL TRANSPORT PROVISION FOR ELIGIBLE PRIMARY 1 PUPILS DURING THE INITIAL SIX WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL SESSION

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 30 April 2008, submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services on cost implications of extending school to home transport for Primary 1 Pupils during the initial six weeks of the School Session.

12. CLASS SIZE REDUCTION

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2008, submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing an update on progress being made to provide the Council with costs to reduce class sizes.

13. WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Submit report by the Chief Executive providing an update on key developments within West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership.

14. CITIES GROWTH FUND 2008/2009

Submit report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development:-

- (a) providing information on a proposal from Glasgow City Council to allocate £400,000 from their Scottish Government Capital Grant towards the implementation of the main priorities within the revised Metropolitan City Vision for area regeneration projects within the canal corridor and riverside regeneration; and
- (b) making recommendations thereon.

15/

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion by Councillor Patrick McGlinchey – Mentoring Scheme

This Council believes that all young people need positive role models *they can relate to*; including positive role models within the education system.

This Council notes that West Dunbartonshire has an above average rate of young people who leave school and do not move on to Education, Employment or Training.

Council recognises and praises current practices in mentoring for 1st-year pupils deployed in secondary education throughout the local authority.

This Council wishes to build on this.

This Council therefore requests that the Executive Director explores the viability of developing a voluntary mentoring scheme whereby S6 pupils leaving the school for positive leaver destinations – *training, employment, higher, and further education* – are recruited, through an application process, as mentors for S2 pupils preparing to choose their Standard Grade subjects, and/or S4 pupils preparing to sit formal exams for the first time.

This will be a mutually beneficial scheme, whereby the recently graduated pupil gains community-based work experience and something positive for their CV, while the S2/S4 pupil gains a positive role model from another young person, and additional source of support and advice.”