

# *Labour Review*

*Bishopbriggs South*

*Councillors Alan Moir  
& Michael O'Donnell*



**Dear Fellow Resident,**

*There will be few people in East Dunbartonshire who are not aware of the current financial difficulties facing us all and many households will have already been affected in some way.*

*The council has made £40m worth of savings since 2007 and we will be expected to cut around £6.5M this coming year.*

*It is local governments duty to spend your money wisely and it is important that we get value when delivering your services.*

*However, the scale of the cuts has meant that there have been very difficult and sometimes controversial decisions on what services we can continue to fund or on how we can keep services but find different ways to deliver them.*

*We value the contributions already made by our community representatives and partners in helping the council shape your services in these difficult times. However, it is important that we continue to listen and hear what you think. What YOU have to say is important to Labour in East Dunbartonshire.*

*In delivering the year on year required legal budgets and savings, the council has always required cross political party support and agreement.*

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*Despite being a minority administration, Labour in local government have led and will continue to make representations to our Scottish and UK parliamentarians to ensure they are fully aware of the financial pressures in delivering important front line services. We will encourage them to influence Holyrood and Westminster decisions that have an impact on residents across East Dunbartonshire.*

*To let us know what your views are please use the Freepost address on this leaflet.*

**Thank you.**

**East Dunbartonshire Labour Group**

## **Accessible Bus Service**

*.If you find it hard to get around using public transport then you may qualify to use the MyBus service delivered by SPT. The service uses wheelchair accessible buses that pick up from the persons home and take them to their destination.*

*To register for this service please call  
**0845 128 4025***



## Greenbelt Concerns

Labour in East Dunbartonshire has made representations to the Scottish Ministers regarding the Government Reporter's role in shaping the area's Local Plan. After a thorough and extensive consultation with local people our attempts to defend the greenbelt have been undermined by the involvement of Scottish Government Reporters in the process who have released areas of greenbelt for housing. This is unquestionably a challenge to local accountability.



## Affordable Housing

345 new affordable homes have been built across East Dunbartonshire since mid 2007. A further 236 new homes are being built across six projects. The Council and its partners have secured over £5.5m to support the delivery of a further 141 new homes.

## Get In Touch

Michael and Alan are always available to meet residents to help solve problems or to make sure they are getting the services they need. Whether it is a repair to your Council house or vandalism in your area they will make sure action is taken.

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## Welfare Changes

Labour in East Dunbartonshire has lobbied local MP's over serious concerns with changes to the benefit system. Some of these proposals will have serious consequences for the most vulnerable in our communities. Labour will continue to press for a fairer benefit system.

## Huntershill Sports Facility

The introduction of the all weather surface and flood lighted pitches has been a tremendous improvement for all-year sporting activities. However, we will continue to seek further improvements, including the delivery of a fully refurbished Huntershill sports facility which should incorporate a wider range of sports.

## Westerhill Turning Circle

With the new turning circle operating with First's 56 service it is hoped that the terminus will not only secure the future of existing commercial services but will help create business opportunities and jobs at Westerhill Business Park. The new X81 First Bus express service to the city centre via Glasgow Royal Infirmary is a welcomed bus service complementing the established 45 service. However we have to keep a watchful eye for any future service changes. We will continue to explore new ways to improve services.

## Bishopbriggs Town Centre

Detailed proposals for the town centre have been disappointingly slow in coming forward for scrutiny. The eventual proposals will be extremely important for the prosperity of the town and the wider community. As your local councillors we are eager to hear from you about what you would like to be included in the eventual proposals.



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