Minutes of the meeting of the Accounts Commission held Clydebank Town Hall , Clydebank on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 November 2006.

PRESENT: A MacNish (Chair)

J Baillie J Couper K Geddes I Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE: W F Magee, Secretary

1. <u>Best Value Audit of West Dunbartonshire Council</u>

With reference to paragraph 7 of the minutes of meeting of 11 October 2006 the Commission held a hearing under section 103 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in respect of the Controller of Audit's report on the audit of Best Value and Community Planning in West Dunbartonshire Council. The following persons gave evidence to the hearing –

Caroline Gardner, Controller of Audit

Nikki Bridle, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland

Lesley McGiffen, Best Value Manager, Audit Scotland

David Pia, Director, Audit Scotland

Councillor Andrew White, Leader of West Dunbartonshire Council

David McMillan. Chief Executive of West Dunbartonshire Council

Tim Huntingford, ex Chief Executive of West Dunbartonshire Council

Jackie Baillie MSP

Mike O'Donnell, Community Planning Partnership Manager

John McFall MP

Councillor Jim Bollan

Councillor Jeff Calvert

Councillor Dennis Brogan

Councillor Jim McCallum

Charlie McDonald, TGWU

Duncan Boreland, GMB

Tom Morrison, Unison

Archie Thomson, MBE

George McFarlane, Rosshead Tenants and Residents Association

Nancy Garvie, Rosshead Tenants and Residents Association

Rose Harvie, Silverton and Overtoun Community Council

At the conclusion of the evidence the hearing was adjourned.