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26 March 2009

Dear Member

CABINET - 1 APRIL 2009

You are requested to attend a meeting of **CABINET** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2009** at **1000 HOURS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton

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B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND EQUALITIES

- 1. MID-TERM REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING (pages 1-5)** - Submit report dated 25 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support presenting to Cabinet for consideration and endorsement a high level summary of the actions contained within the revised Community Planning Thematic Action Plans 2009-11 and the Mid-Term Review of the Improving Community Safety Action Plan.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

2. **LEISURE AND CULTURAL STRATEGY (pages 6-9)** - Submit report dated 25 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services reporting on the consultation process associated with the Council's draft Leisure and Cultural Strategy and seeking approval to adopt the finalised strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

3. **UPDATE ON MODERNISING THE PLANNING SYSTEM (pages 10-19)** - Submit report dated 23 February 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support updating Cabinet on the current position with regards to the Scottish Government's programme of modernisation for the planning system and to advise of the implications for the Council and associated timescales for implementation.
4. **WHITELEE ACCESS ACTION PLAN (pages 20-25)** - Submit joint report dated 18 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services updating Cabinet on progress being made with the Whitelee Access Action Plan, to agree East Ayrshire Council's future arrangements and requirements for management of the network; and seeking approval of (a) Whitelee Access Action Plan; and (b) continued involvement of Council Officers on the Whitelee Access Planning Group.
5. **OPEN SPACE STRATEGY (pages 26-32)** - Submit report dated 18 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services updating Council on work carried out so far in the development of the East Ayrshire Open Space Strategy and Environmental Report and seeking approval to implement the amendments to the Strategy, to adopt the SEA Statement and to adopt the Open Space Strategy and Environmental Report.
6. **2009/10 CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTWAY STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE AND STREET LIGHTING (pages 33-44)** - Submit report dated 26 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the 2009/10 Capital Programme for carriageway and footway structural maintenance and street lighting and note schemes being considered for future years' programmes.
7. **MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS "OUTSTANDING" CONSERVATION AREA TOWNSHEME: 47-51 MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS, OFFER OF GRANT - ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST (pages 45-48)** - Submit report dated 11 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking approval for the Council to offer an additional building repair grant of £10,000 under the Newmilns Townscheme to help bridge a funding gap that has occurred during the implementation of external works to the facades of 47-51 Main Street, Newmilns within the "Outstanding" Conservation Area.

8. **THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS (pages 49-53)** - Submit report dated 12 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support advising Cabinet of the recent publication by the Scottish Government of its response to the First Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers and indicating how the work of the Council and the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership support the achievement of the aims of the Government's Economic Strategy.
9. **MATCH FUND BUDGET 2008/09 (pages 54-55)** - Submit report dated 4 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support recommending that Cabinet approve a grant of £2,000 payable from the 2008/09 Match Fund budget to the Ayrshire Rivers Trust as a contribution to the delivery of the "Salmon in the Classroom" project, including towards the purchase of new digital coolers.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

10. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME (pages 56-58)** - Submit report dated 18 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking approval for a revised Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.
11. **CONTAMINATED LAND SUPPORT SERVICE CONTRACT (pages 59-63)** - Submit report dated 19 March 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking approval for entering into a negotiated Contaminated Land Support Service Contract with Environs Consulting Ltd, 61 The Shore, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6RA.
12. **LAND AT LITTLEMILL ROAD, DRONGAN (pages 64-66)** - Submit report dated 11 February 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management requesting that Cabinet agree to provide financial assistance to Irvine Housing Association Ltd to meet Extraordinary Development Costs identified by the Association relative to the proposed housing development at Littlemill Road, Drongan.
13. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - Recommend that Cabinet pass the following Resolution:- "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item".
14. **SEVERANCE ARRANGEMENTS (PARA 1) (pages 67-69)** - Submit report dated 17 March 2009 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking Cabinet's approval of severance arrangements for two employees within the Department of Neighbourhood Services. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

- 15. TEACHER REFRESH SCHEME - REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT (PARA 1) (pages 70-77)** - Submit report dated 9 March 2009 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for 48 teachers and one Quality Improvement Officer in the Educational and Social Services Department to retire from the Council's service under the terms of the Teachers (Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Regulations 1997. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
- 16. ACQUISITION OF GROUND AT RICHMOND TERRACE, CUMNOCK (PARA 9) (pages 78-83)** - Submit joint report dated 23 March 2009 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Solicitor to the Council authorising the acquisition of an area of ground extending to 5208 square metres, or thereby, at Richmond Terrace, Cumnock (shown hatched on the attached plan) from the Marquis of Bute's 1929 Settlement Trust. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**