

## Chief Executive's Department

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To: Councillors Douglas Reid (Chair), Iain Linton (Vice-Chair), John MacKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice; Church Representatives: Bill McGregor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey; and Parent Representative: David Fraser.

11 September 2008

Dear Member

### **CABINET - 17 SEPTEMBER 2008**

You are requested to attend a meeting of **Cabinet** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2008** at **1000 HOURS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton

Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

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## **B U S I N E S S**

### **INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

### **LIFELONG LEARNING**

- 1E. **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON SAFEGUARDING OUR RURAL SCHOOLS AND IMPROVING SCHOOL CONSULTATION PROCEDURES (pages 1-7)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking agreement from Cabinet for East Ayrshire Council's response to "Safeguarding our Rural Schools and Improving School Consultation Procedures".

## COMMUNITY WELLBEING

2. **SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2008-2011 (pages 8-39)** - Submit report dated 11 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the Social Work Services Commissioning Strategy.
3. **ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007 (pages 40-42)** - Submit report dated 3 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the progress being made with the implementation of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, and in particular to approve the arrangements in respect of Adult Protection Committees.
4. **LEISURE AND CULTURAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION (pages 43-46)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to implement a consultation process associated with East Ayrshire's draft Leisure and Cultural Strategy.

## ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

5. **TOWARDS A SHARED PLANNING SERVICE FOR AYRSHIRE (pages 47-55)** - Submit report dated 7 August 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support advising Cabinet regarding proposals, recommended by the Pan-Ayrshire Group on Shared Services, to continue with an Ayrshire wide planning service suitably modified to meet the requirements of the Planning Etc (Scotland) Act 2006 and to obtain approval for the Solicitor to the Council to sign a new Minute of Agreement setting out revised governance arrangements to replace the current agreement.
6. **UK BIOSPHERE RESERVE - CAIRNSMORE OF FLEET, MERRICK KELLS AND SILVER FLOWE - PROPOSED REVIEW (pages 56-61)** - Submit report dated 3 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) (i) informing Cabinet of actions that have been undertaken to date regarding establishing Community and Agency Support for the redesignation and extension of the existing Cairnsmore of Fleet, Merrick Kells and Silver Flowe Biosphere Reserve; and (ii) seeking approval for the Council's participation, with South Ayrshire Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, the Forestry Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage, with the support of the Scottish Government, for the preparation of a formal submission to UNESCO for the redesignation of the Biosphere Reserve.
7. **LEADER PROGRAMME (pages 62-69)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support (i) updating Cabinet on the LEADER Programme; (ii) seeking Cabinet approval for the actions undertaken to secure East Ayrshire's inclusion in a pan-Ayrshire LEADER Programme; and (iii) noting the proposals for the match funding programme and associated projects through delegated authority.

## MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

8. **GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION EAST AYRSHIRE (SOUTH) FORUM ON DISABILITY (pages 70-71)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing Cabinet of a grant funding request from the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability and making recommendations accordingly.
9. **ADDITIONAL CABINET GRANT 2007/08 (pages 72-75)** - Submit report dated 5 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management providing Members with details of capital expenditure projects undertaken using the Additional Capital Grant received in 2007/08, associated future savings arising from this expenditure and progress made on Asset Management planning.
10. **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 item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act".
11. **PROPOSED LEASE OF STRAND STREET OFFICE ACCOMMODATION (pages 77-81)** - Submit report dated 5 September 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management providing an update and to specifically consider alternative lease terms proposed by Alchemist Properties Limited in relation to the former Johnnie Walker Building in Strand Street, Kilmarnock, and associated use of the site at 6 Croft Street, Kilmarnock. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
12. **KILMARNOCK TOP OF THE TOWN PROPOSED OFFICE DEVELOPMENT RELATED WORKS - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND OPTIONS (pages 82-90)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support (i) reporting on the expenditure to date on related professional services and associated works, (ii) summarising the financial implications and options for terminating the existing contracts for the provision of related professional services; and (iii) presenting options for the identification and implementation of any future related works. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**