

## 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.

17 April 2008

Dear Member

### **CABINET - 23 APRIL 2008**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Cabinet** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 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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### **BUSINESS**

#### **INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

#### **LIFELONG LEARNING**

- 1E. EAST AYRSHIRE CONFUCIUS CLASSROOM (pages 1-3)** - Submit report dated 11 February 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for further developments in the teaching of Chinese in East Ayrshire Schools.



- 2E. **SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY CROSS-PARTY GROUP ON CHINA (pages 4-7)** - Submit report dated 8 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support inviting Cabinet to consider the aims and objectives of the Cross-Party Group on China and to consider taking up membership of this group.

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- 3E. **EAST AYRSHIRE MALAWI LINK (pages 8-9)** - Submit report dated 11 February 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the development of links between East Ayrshire Schools and educational establishments in Malawi.

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- 4E. **WORLD "JOHN LAPRAIK" SPEAKING COMPETITION (pages 10-12)** - Submit joint report dated 6 February 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for support for the World "John Lapraik" Speaking Competition to be held in Muirkirk in June 2008.

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- 5E. **POST SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (pages 13-15)** - Submit report dated 19 March 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the continued allocation of funding to the Local Authority to support post-school Psychological Services and seeking endorsement of the approach taken.

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- 6E. **EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE FUNDING TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES 2008/09 (pages 16-18)** - Submit report dated 19 February 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for allocation of funds to external organisations in respect of Early Education and Childcare Funding.

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- 7E. **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION CHOOSING THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS - THE FUTURE FOR FOOD IN SCOTLAND (pages 19-29)** - Submit report dated 14 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing members of the discussion paper introduced by the Scottish Government, developments in East Ayrshire that are relevant and seeking approval for an opportunity for East Ayrshire to participate in a European inter-regional programme.

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## COMMUNITY WELLBEING

8. **DEVELOPMENT OF EAST AYRSHIRE TALENTED ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME (pages 30-32)** - Submit report dated 10 April 2008 (copy

enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services outlining the current situation within East Ayrshire with regard to supporting talented athletes to reach their full potential in sport and outlining proposals for strengthening this in light of the forthcoming 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and 2014 Commonwealth Games and Winter Olympics.

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9. **SMARTER CHOICES, SMARTER PLACES (pages 33-38)** - Submit report dated 10 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to make funding applications to the Scottish Government's "Smarter Choices, Smarter Places" Project in respect of Kilmarnock and Cumnock.

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## ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

10. **WOODROAD REGENERATION FORUM - PLAYPARK PROPOSALS (pages 39-42)** - Submit report dated 4 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for proposals for the Woodroad Regeneration Forum to install new children's play equipment in Woodroad Park, Cumnock.

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11. **MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS "OUTSTANDING" CONSERVATION AREA TOWNSHEME: 47-51 MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS, OFFER OF GRANT - ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST (pages 43-45)** - Submit report dated 31 March 2008 (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 £40,000 under the Newmilns Townscheme to help bridge a significant funding gap that has occurred during the implementation of external works to the facades of 47-51 Main Street Newmilns. The additional funding will enable the project to be completed thus improving the Conservation Area and bringing one retail unit and a flat back into use.

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12. **SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY 3: PLANNING FOR HOUSING: CONSULTATIVE DRAFT (pages 46-51)** - Submit report dated 26 March 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking Cabinet's views on a revised Scottish Government publication entitled "Scottish Planning Policy SPP3: Planning for Housing: Consultative Draft" which was issued for consultation in January of this year.

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13. **SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY (SPP) 23 - PLANNING AND THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT - CONSULTATIVE DRAFT (pages 52-57)** - Submit report dated 16 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking Cabinet's views

on a Scottish Executive publication entitled "Scottish Planning Policy SPP23: Planning and the Historic Environment: Consultative Draft".



14. **NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND 2: DISCUSSION PAPER (pages 58-63)** - Submit report dated 16 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support informing of the contents and provisions of the Scottish Executive's National Planning Framework for Scotland 2: Discussion Draft and to ascertain the view of Cabinet on the document.



15. **CHARGES FOR ROADS SERVICES AND PARKING (pages 64-68)** - Submit report dated 10 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the introduction of charges relating to certain permits, permissions and services granted under the terms of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, approve an increase in charges for other services already being applied and approve an increase in the charge for parking on floors 5-10 of the multi-storey car park in Kilmarnock from 50p per day to £1 per day.



16. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008-2009 (pages 69-73)** - Submit report dated 7 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the allocation of that part of the General Services Capital Programme 2008/09 which is to be implemented by the Roads and Transportation Division of the Neighbourhood Services Department.



17. **AYRSHIRE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (pages 74-76)** - Submit report dated 11 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the Ayrshire Biodiversity Action Plan which has been prepared to assist the Council meet its statutory obligations under the terms of the Nature Conservation Act (Scotland) 2004 which has the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural environment.



#### **MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES**

18. **CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (pages 77-79)** - Submit Minutes of meeting held on 18 March 2007 for noting (copy enclosed).



19. **SHARED SERVICES - JOINT WORKING IN AYRSHIRE (pages 80-100)** - Submit report dated 11 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support updating Members on the

progress in relation to the Shared Services Agenda and the work undertaken on a pan-Ayrshire basis in this respect.



20. **GRANT FUNDED PROJECT 2008/2009 (pages 101-107)** - Submit report dated 9 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the annual evaluation of grant funded projects and seeking approval for future funding arrangements for 2008/2009.



21. **EAST AYRSHIRE VOLUNTEERS CENTRE (pages 108-109)** - Submit report dated 3 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the grant application for 2008/09 from the Volunteer Centre and making recommendations accordingly.



22. **REVIEW OF CABINS AND DAY CENTRES (pages 110-112)** - Submit report dated 19 March 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a review of the Council's Cabins and Day Centres.



23. **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 it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item".

24. **EARLY RETIREMENT (pages 113-115)** - Submit report dated 4 April 2008 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking approval of early retirement on the grounds of redundancy for one employee within the Department of Corporate Support. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**