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To: Councillors Douglas Reid (Chair), Iain Linton (Vice-Chair), John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts, Barney Menzies and Kathy Morrice; and Church Representatives: Bill McGregor and Maria Dorrian; Parent Representative: David Fraser; and Teacher Representative: Bryce Wilson.

18 February 2010

Dear Member

CABINET - WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010

You are requested to attend a meeting of **CABINET** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010** at **1000 HOURS** in the **ROBERT BURNS SUITE, BURNS MONUMENT CENTRE, KAY PARK, KILMARNOCK**, in order to consider 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. IMPLICATIONS OF THE SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 ON THE CROSSROADS PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSULTATION (pages 1-33)** - Submit report dated 11 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Cabinet of the Implications of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and its consequences for the current consultation exercise which is being conducted on the future of education provision at Crossroads Primary School.

- 2E. CURRICULUM OUTDOORS STRATEGY (pages 34-40)** - Submit report dated 7 December 2009 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking Cabinet approval for the new "East Ayrshire Curriculum Outdoors" Strategy which will be imbedded in a Curriculum for Excellence across all East Ayrshire education establishments.
- 3E. CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE - UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS (pages 41-44)** - Submit report dated 4 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) informing Cabinet of an additional in-service day allocated by the Scottish Government to support schools implement the assessment and moderation requirements of Building the Curriculum 5 (BTC5), an integral part of the Curriculum for Excellence and seeking approval to utilise this day on Tuesday 1 June 2010; and (ii) updating Cabinet on the participation of East Ayrshire Council staff in Learning and Teaching Scotland (LTS) study visits linked to the development of the Curriculum for Excellence.
- 4. 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 14 of Schedule 7A of the Act".
- 5E. NORTH WEST YOUTH PROJECT (pages 45-52)** - Submit report dated 11 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services setting out issues in respect of the North West Youth Project and seeking approval for the recommendations. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
- 6. RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGENERATION

- 7. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON THE PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND (pages 53-90)** - Submit report dated 17 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support presenting additional information on opportunities for the greater utilisation of measureable outputs and outcomes within the proposed application process for the Renewable Energy Fund.
- 8. KILMARNOCK CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME - APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL WORKS AT GOODFELLOWS ESTATE AGENT, 13-15 WEST GEORGE STREET, KILMARNOCK (pages 91-94)** - Submit report dated 17 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking approval of a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme grant that is outwith the delegated authority granted by Cabinet to the Head of Planning and Economic Development.

9. **TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND PROJECTS - UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO SECURE FUNDS (pages 95-107)** - Submit report dated 17 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support updating Cabinet on progress with the three projects funded by the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund for Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Galston Town Centres; seeking approval for the implementation and completion of the three schemes; and to authorise the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to issue a letter of assurance to the Scottish Government confirming that where works orders have been placed internally these works will be undertaken directly by the Council.
10. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO OFF-STREET PARKING CHARGES IN KILMARNOCK (pages 108-111)** - Submit report dated 18 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking the agreement of Cabinet to change the parking charges in the Council's off-street pay and display car parks in Kilmarnock.
11. **EUROPEAN FUNDING - IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT - UPDATE REPORT (pages 112-115)** - Submit report dated 17 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing the Cabinet with information relating to the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership bid for European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund funding for the period from April 2010 to 30 June 2011.
12. **AYRSHIRE LEADER PROGRAMME 2007-2013 (pages 116-128)** - Submit report dated 17 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support (i) updating Cabinet on the establishment and operation of the Ayrshire LEADER 2007/2013 Programme including Governance and Scrutiny arrangements; (ii) outlining the activity undertaken to publicise the Programme; (iii) summarising the range of projects that have been approved to date, in particular those from within East Ayrshire; and (iv) reporting some anticipated changes to the Programme.

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13. **FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT GAUCHALLAND AND UNDERWOOD DEPOTS (pages 129-132)** - Submit joint report dated 5 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management seeking Cabinet approval for facility improvements at Gauchalland and Underwood Depots.
- 13A **REVISED MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS AT CHIEF OFFICER LEVEL IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF CORPORATE SUPPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES (pages 197-200)** - Submit report dated 19 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Executive recommending to Cabinet revised management arrangements at Chief Officer level within the Departments of Corporate Support and Neighbourhood Services.

14. **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 Paragraphs of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item”.

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15. **PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AT 2-6 BRIDGE STREET, GALSTON (PARA 9) (pages 133-138)** - Submit joint report dated 8 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management seeking approval to pay a sum in excess of the assessed market value to the parties detailed in the report in order to secure the acquisition of land owned by them situated at 2-6 Bridge Street, Galston. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
16. **SEVERANCES (PARA 1) (pages 139-143)** - Submit report dated 17 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking Cabinet’s approval of severance arrangements for seven employees within the Chief Executive’s Office and Finance and Asset Management and one employee within the Building and Works Service of the Department of Neighbourhood Services. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
17. **HOUSING SERVICES: SERVICE PLAN - SINGLE BUSINESS UNIT UPDATE (PARA 1) (pages 144-185)** - Submit report dated 3 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services recommending to Cabinet a Service Plan Update to the Housing Service Plan to reflect the establishment of a Single Business Unit for Housing Repairs and Improvement Works. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
18. **DEVELOPMENT AT 6-14 JOHN FINNIE STREET AND 24-26 STRAND STREET, KILMARNOCK (PARA 6) (pages 186-191)** - Submit joint report dated 16 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Solicitor to the Council seeking Cabinet approval to enter into a Development Agreement with the party detailed in the report for the development and purchase of an office development to be constructed on the site of the former Opera House Site at 6-14 John Finnie Street and 24-26 Strand Street, Kilmarnock. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
19. **UPDATE ON THE FIT-OUT OF THE STRAND STREET OFFICE DEVELOPMENT (PARA 9) (pages 192-196)** - Submit report dated 5 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management updating Cabinet of progress with regard to the construction, fit-out and commissioning of the new Strand Street office development, seeking authority to approve the allocation of additional funds to the project from the Kilmarnock Town Centre Regeneration budget and

authorising the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to negotiate with the party detailed in the report in respect of the remaining proposed Council fit-out works. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

20. **EARLY RETIREMENT (PARA 1) (Pages 206-208)** - Submit report dated 19 February 2010 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive seeking Cabinet's approval of a request for early retirement on the grounds of the "Rule of 85" from an employee in the Department of Neighbourhood Services. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**