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13 December 2007

Dear Member

CABINET - 19 DECEMBER 2007

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Cabinet** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2007 at 1000 HOURS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton

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BUSINESS

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

LIFELONG LEARNING

- 1E. STRENGTHENING THE DELIVERY OF A CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (pages 1-4)** - Submit report dated 9 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of progress made in recent delivery of a Curriculum for Excellence and seeking approval for the secondment of a member of staff to further strengthen this delivery.



- 2E. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09-2012/13 (pages 5-11)** - Submit report dated 10 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management proposing a General Services Capital Programme Strategy for 2008/09-2012/13. The non-elected

members of Cabinet are requested to remain in order that they may participate in any discussion specifically relating to educational capital projects.

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MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

- 3. DRAFT ESTIMATES 2008/09 BUDGET CONSULTATION (pages 12-13) -** Submit report dated 13 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management seeking approval for the proposed budget consultation process on the 2008/09 Revenue Estimates and Rent Levels.

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- 4. BEST VALUE IMPROVEMENT AGENDA (ACTION PLAN NO 10) - "CHALLENGE AND REVIEW" PROGRESS AGAINST BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW PROGRAMME FOR 2004/2007 AND NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2007/2010 (pages 14-41) -** Submit report dated 6 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management (i) reviewing the implementation of the current 2004-2007 Best Value Service Review Programme, in terms of progress against the programme and overall outcomes achieved; (ii) considering the most appropriate configuration of service units, following the Council restructuring and following a review of the Service Review process; and (iii) setting out a timetable for the new 2007/2010 Best Value Service Review Programme.




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- 5. EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORTING STRATEGY (pages 42-78) -** Submit report dated 21 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management advising of the results of the strategic review of Public Performance Reporting that has been carried out over the last 12 months, and the resulting Public Performance Reporting Strategy that will be employed in future years.



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- 6. REINSTATEMENT OF FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY AT 62-64 LUGTON ROAD, DUNLOP (pages 79-80) -** Submit joint report dated 27 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services advising of the contractual overspend upon the above project.

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7. **EXTERNAL ENVELOPE ENHANCEMENT PROPOSED EXTENSION TO INCLUDE 7 & 9 KERR ROAD, KILMARNOCK (pages 81-83)** - Submit joint report dated 27 November 2007 by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for Technical Services to negotiate and extend the contract with A C Whyte Ltd., for the fabric upgrade at 1-3 McBeth Drive, Kilmarnock, to include the additional works to re-roof two blocks of flats at 7 and 9 Kerr Road, Kilmarnock.

8. **DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT (pages 84-123)** - Submit report dated 6 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing a progress report on the Disability Equality Scheme.

9. **EQUALITY ACTION PLANS (pages 124-235)** - Submit report dated 6 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support recommending for approval Departmental Equality Action Plans.


COMMUNITY WELLBEING

10. **THE HOMELESSNESS ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003: ABOLITION OF PRIORITY NEED (pages 236-240)** - Submit report dated 13 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services recommending amendments to the Council's existing policies in respect of homelessness and house allocation to ensure the Council is able to comply with the Scottish Government's objectives in relation to the abolition of priority need.

- 10A. **CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT - PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS TO THE JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES (pages 247-248)** - Submit report dated 13 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support seeking formal approval for the appointment of Council Officers and Directors of the Joint Venture Companies in relation to the Cumnock Town Centre Regeneration Project.

11. **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".

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

12. **LEASE OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE PROPOSED NEW “TOP OF THE TOWN” OFFICE DEVELOPMENT, KILMARNOCK (PARA 9) (pages 241-243)** - Submit report dated 5 December 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management seeking approval to enter into a formal Lease of Agreement with the party identified in the report in connection with the occupancy of accommodation within the proposed new “Top of the Town” Office Development to be constructed by the party identified in the report at Green Street, Kilmarnock. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

13. **BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL’S ASSET MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (PARAS 1 & 11) (pages 244-246)** - Submit report dated 4 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management informing of the results of the Best Value Service Review of the Council’s Asset Management arrangements including Technical Services, Property and Asset Management and seeking approval of the outcome of the Review, the recommendations including restructuring and re-alignment of services and the resultant Action Plan (**the Review is attached under separate cover**).

Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.

NOTE: Cabinet Members are invited to attend the presentation on Governance and Scrutiny which will be held at the conclusion of Cabinet.