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To: All Elected Members

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Dear Councillor

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

You are requested to attend the **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** to be held on **THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2008** at **1000 HRS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



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BUSINESS

CALL FOR SEDERUNT AND INTIMATE APOLOGIES.

PROVOST'S REMARKS

1. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of Council Meeting of 26 June 2008 (pages 419-427) ([copy enclosed](#)).
3. **CABINET/COMMITTEE MINUTES** - Submit, for approval as correct records and approval of any recommendations contained therein (with the exception of the Minutes of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee which are here for noting only) the Minutes of the undernoted Meetings, viz:-
 - 3.1 **CABINET OF 18 JUNE 2008** (pages 400-407) ([copy enclosed](#)).

- 3.2 NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 JUNE 2008 (pages 408-411) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 24 JUNE 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) (pages 412-413).
- 3.4 SPECIAL CABINET OF 25 JUNE 2008 (pages 414-417) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.5 APPEALS PANEL OF 25 JUNE 2008 (page 418) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.6 GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 27 JUNE 2008 (pages 428-431) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.7 SPECIAL CABINET OF 2 JULY 2008 (pages 432-440) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.8 SPECIAL CABINET OF 30 JULY 2008 (pages 441-442) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.9 SPECIAL CABINET OF 6 AUGUST 2008 (pages 443-444) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.10 NORTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 7 AUGUST 2008 (pages 445-447) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.11 CENTRAL NORTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 12 AUGUST 2008 (pages 448-449) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.12 CENTRAL SOUTH LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 13 AUGUST 2008 (pages 450-452) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.13 SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 14 AUGUST 2008 (pages 453-456) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.14 NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 15 AUGUST 2008 (pages 457-459) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.15 CABINET OF 27 AUGUST 2008 (pages 460-466) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.16 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 28 AUGUST 2008 (pages 467-468) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.17 GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 29 AUGUST 2008 (pages 469-470) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.18 CABINET OF 3 SEPTEMBER 2008 (pages 471-475) ([copy enclosed](#)).

MATTER ARISING

- (i) **PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (Item 5, Page 473, 07/11)** - Recommend that Council give consideration to the appointment of four Elected Members to sit on the selection panel for the Public Art Programme
- 3.19 **HOUSING APPEALS PANEL OF 4 SEPTEMBER 2008** (pages 476-477) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3.20 **CABINET OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2008** (pages 478-483) ([copy enclosed](#)).

Decision for Ratification of Council

- (i) **TOWARDS A SHARED PLANNING SERVICE FOR AYRSHIRE (Item 6, page 480, 07/11)** - Recommend to Council the appointment of Councillors Robert McDill and Jim Buchanan, Spokespersons for Environment and Regeneration, as East Ayrshire Council's representatives on the Ayrshire Joint Planning Steering Group.

3.21 RECRUITMENT PANEL OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2008 (pages 484-485) ([copy enclosed](#)).

3.22 GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2008 (pages 486-488) ([copy enclosed](#)).

- 4. DRAFT EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2009 (pages 1-16)** - Submit report dated September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to submit, for consideration of Council, a draft East Ayrshire Council Meetings Calendar for January to December 2009.

APPOINTMENTS

- 5.1 APPOINTMENT TO CUNNINGHAME HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD (pages 17-18)** - Submit report dated 15 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to invite Council to consider the appointment of an Elected Member to Cunninghame Housing Association Ltd.

- 5.2 APPOINTMENT TO CoSLA COMMUNITY SAFETY EXECUTIVE GROUP (pages 19-20)** - Submit report dated 26 September 2008 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Executive to seek a nomination for appointment to the recently established CoSLA Community Safety Executive Group.

- 5.3 MAIR BEQUEST** - On a request from the Conservative Group, recommend to Council that Provost Stephanie Young replace Councillor Rose-Ann Cuninghame on the Mair Bequest.

- 5.4 CENTRAL JCC** - On a request from the SNP Group, recommend to Council that Councillor Kathy Morrice replace Councillor Helen Coffey on the Central JCC.

- 5.5 YIPWORLD.COM** - On a request from the SNP Group, recommend to Council that Councillor Jim Roberts replace Councillor Drew Filson on the Board of Yipworld.com.

- 5.6 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM** - On a request from the Labour Group, recommend to Council that Councillor Barney Menzies replace Councillor Maureen McKay on the Children and Young People's Forum.

5.7 VACANCIES ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR ERIC JACKSON - Consider the filling of the following vacancies:-

- (i) Catrine Environmental Heritage Project Executive Committee
- (ii) CoSLA
- (iii) Criminal Justice Joint Committee
- (iv) East Ayrshire Emergency Relief Trust
- (v) Central JCC
- (vi) Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on China (Substitute Member)

6. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR COOK - “The Council notes:- (i) that blind people experience significant barriers to independent mobility; (ii) that blind people are often isolated and find it difficult to access basic services without mobility assistance; (iii) that many blind residents in this authority area find it difficult to access shops, supermarkets, doctors, dentists and community facilities and centres; and (iv) our blind residents find it difficult to access many Council services ranging from housing to voting without mobility support and face additional costs as a result, such as using taxis or private hire vehicles.

The Council further notes: (i) that blind people are not entitled to the higher rate of mobility component of disability living allowance; (ii) loss of usable sight clearly causes significant independent mobility problems and incurs significant additional and unmet costs; (iii) that blind people are in many parts of the United Kingdom excluded from social care support because their needs are not considered ‘critical’ or ‘substantial’.

The Council resolves: (i) to ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the Rt Hon James Purnell MP, expressing these concerns; (ii) to ask the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to write to our local MPs asking that they sign up to Early Day Motion number 1982 and write to the Secretary of State expressing these concerns; and (iii) to support the Royal National Institute of Blind People’s (RNIB) campaign on securing the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance for blind people.”

7. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MENZIES - “That this Council reconsiders specifically the introduction of the new administration charge levied on the cleaning of headstones within East Ayrshire Council, and that this Council agrees to remove the administration charge with immediate effect, with backdated repayments to those already charged.”