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12 March 2010

Dear Councillor

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 19 MARCH 2010

You are requested to attend the meeting of the **Governance and Scrutiny Committee** to be held on **FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010** commencing at **1000 HRS** in the **ROBERT BURNS SUITE, BURNS MONUMENT CENTRE, KAY PARK, 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

- 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES (pages 1-4)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 2. MATTERS ARISING UPDATE REPORT (pages 5-21)** - Submit report dated 4 March 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to provide the Committee with a consolidated response to information requests made by Members at previous meetings.

AUDIT

3. **AUDIT PLAN 2010/11 (pages 22-27)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Auditor to advise of the Audit Plan for 2010/11.

PERFORMANCE

4. **2008/2009 STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - COUNCIL COMPENDIUM (pages 28-64)** - Submit report dated 5 March 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to provide summary information relating to the Council's relative position in respect of the 2008/09 Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) as reported by Audit Scotland.
5. **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO AUDIT SCOTLAND'S "STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION - THE 2008 DIRECTION: A GUIDE FOR AUDITORS" (pages 65-87)** - Submit report dated 5 March 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to seek agreement on proposals that will further strengthen the Council's response to Audit Scotland's 2008 Direction - "A New Direction: SPI Guidance for Audited Bodies 2009/10", and that meet the specific requirements of the recently published "Statutory Performance Information: The 2008 Direction - A Guide for Auditors" in relation to volume and coverage of the Council's SPIs, procedures for ensuring the accuracy of Indicators collected and arrangements for publication of an Annual Performance Report.

SCRUTINY

6. **GAELIC MEDIUM EDUCATION UPDATE REPORT (pages 88-101)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the costs and benefits of the Gaelic Medium Education provision by East Ayrshire Council.
7. **REPORT ON THE REVIEW TO EXPLORE THE BACKGROUND REASONS FOR THE LEVEL OF COMPLAINTS ON CONTRACT UPGRADES TO THE COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK WITHIN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (pages 102-105)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to seek approval for the draft Governance and Scrutiny Committee review report to explore the background reasons for the level of complaints on contract upgrades to the Council's housing stock within the Capital Programme and to agree the recommendations for presentation to Cabinet.
8. **TOPICS FOR REVIEW 2010/11 (pages 106-112)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2010 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to present topics suggested for review in 2010/11 during the Governance and Scrutiny Workshop 2010.