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**CALL-IN NOTICE**

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East Ayrshire  
COUNCIL

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**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REQUEST TO "CALL IN" A DECISION OF CABINET**

<b>DATE OF CABINET MEETING:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
<b>DECISION TO BE "CALLED IN"</b> (AGENDA ITEM NO AND TITLE)	
Agenda Item 1E – Parent Councils of Crossroads Primary School and Sorn Primary School: Deputations	
<b>REASON(S) FOR DECISION BEING "CALLED IN"</b>	
We believe the Council must be transparent and open in its democratic processes. We further believe the Council should encourage the involvement of communities in order to make effective and meaningful decisions. We are of the opinion that the decision made by Cabinet not to allow the Parent Council's of Crossroads and Sorn Primary Schools to present their reports/cases directly to Cabinet goes against these principles and should be subject to scrutiny by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee with a view to referring it for reconsideration by Cabinet.	

We, the undersigned, in accordance with the agreed procedures, wish the above decision of the Cabinet to be called in prior to implementation.

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	SIGNATURE
*1. Eric Jackson	
2. Stephanie Young	
3. Rose-Ann Cunninghame	
4. Neil McGhee	
5. Gordon Cree	

\*The first signatory will be regarded as the principal signatory.

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET - 24 JANUARY 2008**

### **PARENT COUNCILS OF CROSSROADS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SORN PRIMARY SCHOOL: DEPUTATIONS**

#### **Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To inform the Cabinet of requests on behalf of the Parent Councils for Crossroads and Sorn Primary Schools to present a report/their cases to Cabinet following the conclusion of the formal consultation process in respect of the Better Schools: Better Learning: A Strategy for Developing the School Estate.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Council's Standing Orders make provision for the Council, the Cabinet, Committees, Forums or Panels to receive deputations. In terms of the Council's Standing Orders it would be at the discretion of Cabinet to decide whether to accept or decline the application for a deputation. The Standing Orders also govern how a deputation shall be received and in the event that the Cabinet accede to the requests, the representatives of the Parent Councils for Crossroads and Sorn Primary Schools will be informed accordingly.
- 2.2** As the Cabinet's decision on the request could not be anticipated, both applicants have been advised that they should seek to protect their interests by submitting any formal responses for the proposals for Crossroads and Sorn Primary Schools by the due date of 21 January 2008.

#### **3. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/COMMUNITY PLANNING/POLICY ISSUES - Nil.**

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1** To give consideration in terms of the Standing Orders to the requests from the Parent Councils for Crossroads and Sorn Primary Schools that the Cabinet receive deputations from them in respect of the proposals for Crossroads and Sorn Primary Schools at a future meeting of the Cabinet when the Better Schools Better Learning proposals are submitted to Cabinet for consideration.

Elizabeth Morton  
Depute Chief Executive/  
Executive Director of Corporate Support

18 January 2008  
BW/FM

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. E-mail sent on 8 January 2008 from Caroline McKay.
2. E-mail sent on 18 January 2007 from Sharon Miller.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135.

**Implementation Officer: Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services.**

**GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF CALLED IN CABINET DECISIONS**

The procedure to be followed at meetings of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee in relation to Cabinet decisions called in for consideration is as follows:-

1. The Chair will introduce the Agenda item in the normal way and immediately follow on by outlining the stages of the procedure as outlined hereunder.
2. The Chair will invite the five signatories to the call in notice and Cabinet portfolio holder(s)/Senior Officer(s) to be appropriately seated at the meeting table.
3. The five signatories to the call in (or any of them who wish to speak) will have the opportunity to address the Committee to explain their call in request.
4. The relevant Cabinet portfolio holder(s), accompanied by the appropriate Senior Officer(s) will then outline the reason(s) for the Cabinet's decision.
5. Members of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee will then have the opportunity to put questions to, and seek clarification on matters raised during stages 3 and 4 above from, any of the five signatories to the call in request and/or the relevant portfolio holder(s) and the Senior Officer(s).
6. The Chair of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee will inform all parties present of the final stages to the call in process.
7. The five signatories to the call in notice as appropriate and the relevant portfolio holder(s) and Senior Officer(s) will then return to the public gallery.

7 November 2007

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