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16 November 2007

Dear Councillor

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23 NOVEMBER 2007

You are requested to attend the meeting of the **Governance and Scrutiny Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, on **FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2007** at **1000 HRS** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton
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INTIMATE APOLOGIES.

- 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES (pages 1-3)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 October 2007 (copy enclosed).



2. **REPORT TO MEMBERS AND THE CONTROLLER OF AUDIT ON THE 2006/2007 AUDIT** - Submit report (copy enclosed as a separate document) by Audit Scotland to summarise the findings from the External Auditor's 2006/2007 audit of East Ayrshire Council, the first year of a five year appointment.

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3. **WORK PROGRAMME: QUARTERLY UPDATE (Item 4, Page , 07/11) (pages 4-18)** - Submit report dated 12 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support to provide a quarterly update of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

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4. **MONITORING REPORTS –**

- 4.1 **FINAL MEASUREMENTS ON WORKS CONTRACTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL – 31 OCTOBER 2007 (pages 19-22)** - Submit report dated 9 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support to provide, for information, details of final measurements for works contracts.

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- 4.2 **SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY EXAM RESULTS 2007 (pages 23-28)** - Submit report dated 12 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to advise of the overall East Ayrshire Performance in the 2007 diet of examinations.



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- 4.3 **OUTWITH PLACEMENTS INCLUDING SECURE ACCOMMODATION (pages 29-34)** - Submit report dated 15 November 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to provide a summary of the Department of Educational and Social Services' use of outwith placements including secure placements up to 31 October 2007.

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5. **REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME (pages 35-65)** - Submit report dated 29 October 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support to present a report on the review process carried out on the Council's Community Grants Scheme and to provide, for information, a note of the outcomes and recommendations which will be subject to consideration by Council at its meeting to be held on 6 December 2007.

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6. **REVIEW OF WASTE RECYCLING POLICY/ TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF THE KERBSIDE RECYCLING SCHEME (Item 4, Page , 07/11)** - Receive an awareness raising presentation by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the key issues surrounding the topic, including current Council priorities/policies.
7. **REVIEW OF EFQM PATHWAY (pages 66-72)** - Submit report dated 26 October 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to advise of the outcome of the annual review of the Council's programme of EFQM Assessments, and the use of Quality Scotland's EFQM Pathway software.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF A CALLED IN DECISION OF CABINET: WINDFARM POLICY (Item 3, Page , 07/11) (pages 73-79)** - Consider called-in decision of Cabinet meeting held on 24 October 2007 relating to the Windfarm Policy (copies of the call-in notice, related Cabinet report and a copy of the Procedure to be followed, are all enclosed).

9. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - Recommend that Committee 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 8 of Schedule 7A of the Act".
10. **GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET 2007/2008 AS AT 23 SEPTEMBER 2007 (PERIOD 6)** - Submit report dated 17 October 2007 (copy enclosed as a separate document) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to advise of the projected financial position for Revenue Services based on expenditure to 23 September 2007 (period 6) and information provided by Executive Directors. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**