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To: All Members of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board.

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Dear Member

AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD - 21 AUGUST 2026

You are requested to attend the meeting of **Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board** to be held on **FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2026** at **1400 HOURS** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/MS TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY JULIE MCGARRY
ON BEHALF OF

Craig Young
Chief Governance Officer
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B U S I N E S S

CALL FOR SEDERUNT AND INTIMATE APOLOGIES (page 1)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (page 2)** - Under this item, Members are requested to declare, if required, any interest in the undernoted items of business on the Agenda, and to provide an explanation of the nature of that interest.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** - Submit for approval as a correct record, the minutes of (i) 28 May 2026 (pages 3-6) ([copy enclosed](#)); and (ii) special meeting of 22 June 2026 (pages 7-8) ([copy enclosed](#)).
3. **AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL - PROGRAMME UPDATE (pages 9-19)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Ayrshire Growth Deal Strategic Manager to advise the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board (AEPB) members of the progress of the Ayrshire Growth Deal up to the end of June 2026.

4. **AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL - PROGRAMME RISK REGISTER UPDATE - JULY 2026 (pages 20-38)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Ayrshire Growth Deal Strategic Manager to advise the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board (AEPB) members on the update for the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD) Programme Risk Register up to the end of July 2026, in line with the AGD Programme Update.
5. **NATIONAL PARK OUTCOME – NEXT STEPS (pages 39-56)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Service, Ayrshire Growth Deal to update the Partnership Board on progress made by Dumfries and Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council in developing collaborative arrangements to realise opportunities identified through the conclusions of consideration of a National Park in south-west Scotland. Further, the report seeks approval to progress an emerging regional collaboration framework and Statement of Intent.
6. **AYRSHIRE REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY DELIVERY PLAN 2026-29 (pages 57-64)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Ayrshire Regional Strategy Delivery Group to provide an update on the progress of the Ayrshire Regional Economic Strategy (ARES) including financial support through the UK Government's Local Growth Fund (LGF), to inform members about the reporting framework for the 2026-29 ARES Delivery Plan and to showcase progress on the development of an Ayrshire Intelligence Hub.
7. **AYRSHIRE ENERGY MASTERPLAN (pages 65-78)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Service (Ayrshire Growth Deal), North Ayrshire Council to provide members with an update on progress with the Ayrshire Energy Masterplan. Members are asked to endorse the final version of the Masterplan prior to its publication and to note that the Clean Growth workstream will be reconvened to oversee the implementation phase of the Masterplan over the next five years.