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12 November 2026

Dear Member

CABINET - WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

You are requested to attend a meeting of **Cabinet** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026** at **1000 HOURS** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/MICROSOFT TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

The meeting of Cabinet will be subject to delayed broadcast and a recording will be available to view on the Council website. The Council's website will be updated with a hyperlink to the East Ayrshire Council Youtube channel where the video will be hosted. The Council's Youtube channel is managed by the Council's Communications Team.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY LYNN YOUNG
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 asked to declare, if required, any interest in any of the undernoted items of business on the agenda and to provide explanation of the nature of the interest.

2. **HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PROGRESS REPORT (pages 3-17)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive to update Cabinet on progress of the Housing Asset Management Framework (HAMF) and seek approval for the recommendations set out at paragraph 2.

3. **HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2027/2028-2031/2032 PROGRESS REPORT (pages 18-39)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive To update Cabinet on the progress of the Housing Investment Programme, and to seek approval of the report recommendations set out at paragraph 2.

4. **EAST AYRSHIRE STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2027-2032 (pages 40-85)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive to update Cabinet on the progress of the affordable housing sites contained in the East Ayrshire Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP) to cover the period 2026-2027, to approve the content of the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2027-2032 that has been submitted to the Scottish Government subject to Cabinet approval, and to seek approval to submit the approved SHIP 2027-2032 to the Scottish Government.

5. **RAPID REHOUSING TRANSITION PLAN 2019-2027 PROGRESS REPORT (pages 86-123)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive to provide an update on the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019-2027 and accompanying Annual Review 2025-2026 (Year 7) (Appendix 1) and Year 7 and 8 Action Plan (Appendix 2).

6. **FACTORING SERVICE ANNUAL UPDATE 2026 (pages 124-137)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive to: (i) review the Property Factoring Management fees; (ii) ensure that the Council meets its obligations in line with relevant legislation and associated Scottish Government guidance; and (iii) provide performance information about the Factoring Service.

7. **EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY ANNUAL UPDATE 2026 (pages 138-204)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive to provide Cabinet with the first annual update on the East Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2025-2030 and accompanying action plan.

8. **RECHARGEABLE REPAIRS (pages 205-214)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive to seek Cabinet approval to implement a revised rechargeable repair pricing schedule of charges for rechargeable tenant repairs from the 1 April 2027 as set out at paragraph 2.

9. **PUBLIC BODIES CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORT 2025/26 (pages 215-306)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Head of Corporate Support which sets out how the Council will meet its statutory climate change reporting obligations and seeks approval to submit the Council's 2025/26 Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report (PBCCD) to the Scottish Government. It provides Cabinet with an update on the progress made in implementing the actions set out in the Council's Climate Change Strategy and subsequent initiatives to reduce the Council's carbon footprint across its four key themes. The report also highlights current progress and the wider challenges associated with delivering the Council's climate change ambitions, outlines significant developments in the national policy and legislative landscape, including new Scottish Government climate change requirements and statutory guidance, and identifies the key priority actions that will be taken forward in response to the climate emergency.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (page 307) - Recommend that Cabinet pass the following Resolution:- "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press 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 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

11. NEGOTIATED EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS - COMMVAULT BACKUP AND RECOVERY LOCATED AT THE COUNCIL'S PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DATA CENTRES AND TAPE LIBRARY RENEWAL LOCATED AT THE COUNCIL'S SECONDARY DATA CENTRE (pages 308-311) - Submit report dated 18 November 2026 (copy enclosed) by the Head of ICT and Digital to seek approval to renew support and maintenance arrangements in respect of the Council's Commvault Backup and Recovery Environment and Tape Library solution, both of which are reaching the end of their contract periods. **Report Not Enclosed. Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public Paragraph Above.**

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