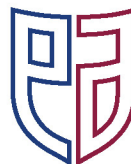


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To: Councillors Douglas Reid (Chair), Jim McMahon (Vice-Chair), Elaine Cowan, Iain Linton, Graham Barton, Barry Douglas, Neal Ingram, Clare Maitland, Linda Mabon, Neill Watts and Drew Filson; and Religious Representatives: Dr David Lewis and Babs Mowat; Parent Representative: John Semple; and Teacher Representative Hazel Malakoty.

21 May 2026

Dear Member

CABINET - WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026

You are requested to attend a meeting of **Cabinet** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026** at **1000 HOURS** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/MICROSOFT TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

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Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY JULIE MCGARRY
ON BEHALF OF

David Mitchell
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.
- 2E. EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE – PAYMENT OF SUSTAINABLE RATES TO FUNDED PROVIDERS AND CHILDMINDERS 2026-27 (pages 3-19)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Education Officer and Head of Education to seek approval from Cabinet to increase the payment of the current hourly rate agreed at Cabinet on 4 June 2025 to funded providers and childminders delivering funded early learning and childcare (ELC) for academic year 2026-27.

3. **EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION FUND (pages 20-43)** - Submit report dated 20 May 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Director of Finance and Digital to provide an update on the Council's Early Intervention and Prevention Fund, including the outcomes from the Early Intervention and Prevention Summit, held on 17 April 2026 and to seek agreement for further investment proposals that will contribute to the ambitions set out within the East Ayrshire Council Strategic Plan and East Ayrshire Community Plan.
 4. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (page 44)** - 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act".
 5. **AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE UPDATE ON AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY WITH NORTH AYRSHIRE: PROCUREMENT PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS (pages 45-49)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Head of Ayrshire Roads Alliance to provide Cabinet with an update on the Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (EVIF) programme, delivered in partnership with North Ayrshire Council. The report outlines progress through the procurement and tender evaluation stages, summarises key developments in the Ayrshire Concession Contract and associated Schedules, and highlights next steps to enabling the contract award and implementation. **Report not Enclosed. Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public Paragraph Above.**
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