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To: Councillors Peter Mabon (Chair), Jayne Sangster (Vice-Chair), Stephen Canning, John McFadzean, Caroline Barton, Graham Boyd Jim Todd, Kevin McGregor, William Lennox, June Kyle and Jennifer Hogg.

17 September 2026

Dear Councillor

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Governance and Scrutiny Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026** commencing at **1000 HOURS** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/ MICROSOFT TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

The meeting of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee will be subject to delayed broadcast and a recording will be available to view on the Council's 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 BY JULIE MCGARRY
ON BEHALF OF

Craig Young
Chief Governance Officer
SW/SR

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 provide an explanation of the nature of their interest.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES (pages 3-5)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2026 (copy enclosed).

3. **EAST AYRSHIRE PERFORMS: SUMMARY REPORT (pages 6-60)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Head of Finance and Chief Financial Officer to advise Members of a number of important performance measures as at 31 July 2026 (Period 4), including the projected financial position for the year, progress of the capital programme, workforce and digital strategies. **(PERFORMANCE).**

4. **BONDS AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEES - UPDATE REPORT (pages 61-92)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Head of Finance and Chief Financial Officer to provide details of all bonds and financial guarantees and the monitoring and management arrangements in place within services. **(SCRUTINY).**

5. **2025/26 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT (pages 93-154)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Head of Finance and Chief Financial Officer to introduce the Annual Audit Report from the Council's external auditor including the audit of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026. **(AUDIT).**

6. **COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26 (pages 155-170)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Head of Corporate Support to present for consideration the Council's Complaints Annual Report for 2025/26, required as part of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman's National Performance Framework. **(PERFORMANCE).**

7. **CORPORATE FRAUD TEAM 2025/26: ANNUAL REPORT - PROTECTING THE PUBLIC PURSE: WORKING TOGETHER TO STAMP OUT FRAUD (pages 171-179)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2026 (copy enclosed) by the Interim Chief Auditor to provide Committee with (i) the Corporate Fraud Team (CFT) annual report for 2025/26 including an update on the National Fraud Initiative (NFI); and (ii) to advise of cumulative outcomes from the CFT since inception in January 2017. **(AUDIT).**

8. **EAST AYRSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD (IJB) - INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL ASSURANCE UPDATE REPORT (pages 180-200)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2026 (copy enclosed) by the Interim Chief Auditor to provide, for noting, an annual assurance update to Committee on the most recent IJB Internal Audit Annual Report for 2025/26 and the IJB Internal Audit plan for 2026/27. **(AUDIT).**

9. **INTERNAL AUDIT 2025/26 SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT: QUALITY ASSURANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (QAIP) (pages 201-220)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2026 (copy enclosed) by the Interim Chief Auditor to provide a supplementary 2025/26 internal audit annual report presenting the annual QAIP in line with regulatory requirements of the Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS) in the UK Public Sector. **(AUDIT).**

10. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS - PERIOD FROM 16 MAY TO 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 (pages 221-232)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2026 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Governance Officer to provide, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted on behalf of the Council for the period from 16 May to 10 September 2026. **(SCRUTINY).**

Recording - Virtual Meeting

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