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

29 May 2026

Dear Councillor

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4 JUNE 2026

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Governance and Scrutiny Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026** commencing 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 BY LYNN YOUNG
ON BEHALF OF

Craig Young
Acting 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 provide an explanation of the nature of their interest.
- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (pages 3-7)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)).

3. **DALMELLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE: HMIE INSPECTION REPORT (pages 8-15)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Director of Education and Skills and Chief Education Officer to present the findings of a report by Education Scotland: His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) following their inspection of Dalmellington Primary School and Early Childhood Centre. **(PERFORMANCE)**.
4. **FINANCIAL RECOVERY – HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (pages 16-24)** – Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Director of Finance and Digital and the Interim IJB Chief Financial Officer to provide an update on the current financial position of Health and Social Care services commissioned from the Council by the East Ayrshire Integration Joint Board, with particular emphasis on those areas presenting the highest financial risk. The report also sets out the strengthened governance and reporting arrangements that have been introduced to improve financial control, support recovery, and enhance scrutiny throughout 2026/27. **(SCRUTINY)**.
5. **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2025/26 PROGRESS UPDATE (pages 25-62)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Corporate Support (i) to provide a positive progress update on risk management activity and performance against the Risk Management Strategy 2024-2027; and (ii) to present a revised improvement plan for approval by Committee in line with good practice. **(RISK)**
6. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2026/27 (pages 63-102)** - Submit report dated 21 May 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Interim Chief Auditor to provide the Internal Audit Charter, Strategy and risk-based Internal Audit Plan for approval in line with the obligations of the Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS) in the UK Public Sector. **(AUDIT)**
7. **OUTCOME OF THE GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT (ASA) 2026 (pages 103-110)** – Submit report dated 18 May 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Governance Officer (i) to confirm the outcome of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee Annual Self-Assessment (ASA) process for 2026, which was carried out on 12 May 2026; and (ii) to seek Members' agreement to certain matters arising from that. **(PERFORMANCE)**.
8. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS - PERIOD FROM 14 FEBRUARY 2026 TO 15 MAY 2026 (pages 111-117)** – Submit report dated 14 May 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 14 February to 15 May 2026. **(SCRUTINY)**.

Recording - Virtual Meeting

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