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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.

26 February 2026

Dear Councillor

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 5 MARCH 2026

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Governance and Scrutiny Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 5 MARCH 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

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 provide an explanation of the nature of their interest.
- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (pages 3-6)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)).

3. **EAST AYRSHIRE PERFORMS - SUMMARY REPORT (pages 7-61)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Director of Finance and Digital (i) to advise Members of a number of important performance measures as at 31 December 2025 (Period 9), including the projected financial position for the year, progress of the capital programme, workforce and digital strategies; and (ii) to provide Members with an update on the significant overspend within Health and Social Care and work of the Task Force established by Council on 11 December 2025 to support the Health and Social care Partnership work at pace to reduce the 2025/26 overspend. .
(PERFORMANCE).
 4. **PLANNING REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON THE 2025/26 AUDIT (pages 62-84)** - Submit report dated 18 February 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Director of Finance and Digital to introduce the report from the Council's external auditors, Audit Scotland, on their Planning report on the audit for the year ending 31 March 2026. **(AUDIT)**.
 5. **AUDIT SCOTLAND: BEST VALUE THEMATIC WORK - ASSET MANAGEMENT: EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (pages 85-110)** - Submit report dated February 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by Audit Scotland to examine how well the Council is managing assets to achieve corporate objectives and respond to challenges around financial sustainability and climate change. **(PERFORMANCE)**.
 6. **ANNUAL RETURN ON THE SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER/ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO TENANTS 2024/25 (pages 111-137)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive to update Governance and Scrutiny Committee on the Annual Return on the Scottish Social Housing Charter submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator in May 2025 and the Annual Performance Report to Tenants published in October 2025. **(PERFORMANCE)**.
 7. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS - PERIOD FROM 8 NOVEMBER 2025 TO 13 FEBRUARY 2026 (pages 138-146)** - Submit report dated 19 February 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 8 November 2025 to 13 February 2026. **(SCRUTINY)**.
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