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To: All Elected Members.

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Dear Councillor

SPECIAL MEETING - EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

You are requested to attend a **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** to be held on **THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2005** at **1000 HRS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.


Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton
Depute Chief Executive/
Executive Director of Corporate Support
JA/FM

B U S I N E S S

CALL FOR SEDERUNT AND INTIMATE APOLOGIES.

- 1. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL STRATEGY REPORT FOR 2005/06 -**
Consider remit and recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005 (Minute excerpt to be circulated) and submit the report for background information (circulated under separate cover of Agenda Item No 9 of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005). **(Report attached for ease of reference)**

- 2. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06 TO 2007/08 -**
Consider remit and recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005 (Minute excerpt to be circulated) and submit the report for background information (circulated under separate cover of

Agenda Item No 10 of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005). **(Report attached for ease of reference)**



3. **GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ESTIMATES 2005/06 TO 2007/08 - SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX** - Consider remit and recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005 (Minute excerpt to be circulated) and submit the report for background information (circulated under separate cover of Agenda Item No 11 of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005). **(Report attached for ease of reference)**



4. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES AND ASSOCIATED RENT LEVELS FOR 2005/06** - Consider remit and recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005 (Minute excerpt to be circulated) and submit the report for background information (circulated under separate cover of Agenda Item No 12 of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 February 2005). **(Report attached for ease of reference)**



5. **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McINTYRE -**

“In his pre budget speech at the beginning of December, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a package of £1 billion in additional funding support to English local authorities for 2005/06. This funding will allow Councils south of the border to avoid unacceptably high increases in local tax levels while they work towards meeting efficiency targets set for them in future years. This followed an additional package of £340m in December 2003.

The Scottish Executive has not, to date, made a similar commitment to Scottish Councils. However, the First Minister has stated an expectation of low Council Tax increases, despite the deduction of assumed efficiency savings from the government grant settlement, amounting to £58m in 2006/07 and £114m in 2007/08.

This Council, therefore, calls upon the Scottish Executive to make available additional funding to Scottish Councils in line with the funding provided to English local government”.

6. **CHANGE TO APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL** - Following a request received from the Labour Group, recommend that Councillor O'Neill replace Councillor Carmichael on the Local Government Licensing Panel.