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To: Councillors Ross (Chair), McKay, O'Neill, J McGhee, Young, Reeves, D Coffey, Reid, McIntyre, Macrae, Linton, Campbell, Murray, Finlayson, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Kelly, Farrell, Dinwoodie and Carmichael.

28 April 2004

Dear Councillor

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 4 MAY 2004

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Development Services Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, on **TUESDAY 4 MAY 2004** at **1000 HOURS**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Lees
Chief Executive

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B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO OFFICER DESIGNATION FOLLOWING COUNCIL REORGANISATION (pages 1-2)** - Submit report dated 28 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services proposing changes to the designation of certain Senior Officers within the Department of Development and Property Services following the re-organisation of the Council.



2. MONITORING REPORTS

- 2.1 **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 1 (2004) (pages 3-5)** - Submit report dated 14 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services advising of absence rates for the Department of Development Services for the quarterly period ending 31 March 2004.



- 2.2 **BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOANS: STATUS REPORT (pages 6-10)** - Submit report dated 19 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services informing of companies which have received financial support under the Council's Business Grants and Loans Schemes in the period from 1 October 2003 to 31 March 2004.



3. **REPLACEMENT AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN: CONSULTATIVE DRAFT (pages 11-14)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services presenting for information and approval, the consultative draft version of the Replacement Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and seeking agreement for the Plan to go out to public consultation.



4. **ALTERATION TO THE EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (pages 15-18)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services seeking authorisation for formal notice of the Council's intention to start preparation of alterations to the Local Plan to be placed in the Local and National Press and inform of the preliminary work carried out, to date, to inform the review process.








5. **SPP7: PLANNING AND FLOODING (pages 19-22)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services advising of the contents of SPP7: Planning and Flooding and its implications for the development potential of sites within East Ayrshire.



6. **MAKING DEVELOPMENT PLANS DELIVER: PUBLIC CONSULTATION (pages 23-32)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services advising and obtaining the views on a consultation paper issued by the Scottish Executive Development Department entitled "Making Development Plans Deliver".



7. **NEWMILNS TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE: STUDY UPDATE (pages 33-37)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services updating on progress with the feasibility study into the development of a business centre at 47-51 and 57-59 Main Street, Newmilns and to seek to vary the remit of and secure additional funding for the study.

8. **ALTERATION OF NEWMILNS OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION AREA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION (pages 38-41)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services proposing an alteration to the Newmilns Outstanding Conservation Area, and thereafter, to submit to the Executive a reasoning and justification for an Article 4 Direction in the Outstanding Conservation area.

9. **RESTORING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (RCP): PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, MAIN STREET AND WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK (pages 42-47)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services (i) informing of progress with the Property Improvement Scheme for Main Street and Well Road, Auchinleck; (ii) seeking to amend the scheme based on the experience gained during its first year in operation; and (iii) seeking authority for the Council to offer grants to, and to enter into legally binding agreements with owners of private residential and commercial property for the purpose of implementing improvements to their property.

10. **PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONTROLS DIVISION'S CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004-2005 (pages 48-51)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services seeking approval for the allocation of the part of the General Services Capital Fund 2004/2005, which is to be implemented by the Planning, Development and Building Standards Division of the Department of Development and Property Services.

11. **APPEAL DECISIONS 1 APRIL 2003 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2003 (pages 52-56)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services presenting an analysis of appeal decisions received from the Scottish Executive for the above period.

12. **WESTRANS DRAFT JOINT TRANSPORT STRATEGY (pages 57-59)** - Submit report dated 19 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services (i) advising that the WESTRANS Draft Joint Transport Strategy (JTS) is now out for consultation; (ii) inviting

comment on the Draft Joint Transport Strategy to the Executive Director or Head of Roads and Transportation by 18 June 2004; and (iii) requesting the Committee to delegate to the Executive Director, after consultation with the Chair, to forward East Ayrshire Council's response on a consultation document to the WESTRANS Core Team Manager

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13. **ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMMES FOR 2004/2005 (pages 60-67)** - Submit report dated 19 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services (i) seeking approval of the Road Safety Programmes for 2004/2005; and (ii) advising that further reports will be submitted with regards to 20 mph speed limits at schools, and a new Capital Roads Safety Programme for accident locations throughout East Ayrshire.

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14. **ROADS AND STRUCTURES DESIGN CAPITAL PROGRAMME (pages 68-70)** - Submit report dated 19 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services seeking approval of the Roads and Structures Design Capital Programme for 2004/2005.

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15. **STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004/2005 (pages 71-72)** - Submit report dated 21 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services seeking approval for the street lighting replacement capital programme for 2004/2005.

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16. **SURPLUS PROPERTY - 10 WATERSIDE STREET, KILMARNOCK (pages 73-75)** - Submit report dated 19 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services requesting the Committee to declare the property comprising 10 Waterside Street, Kilmarnock surplus to requirements for disposal in accordance with the Council's agreed procedures.

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17. **THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN UNION REGIONAL AND STATE AIDS (pages 76-85)** - Submit report dated 29 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services (i) informing of the current position and highlighting issues regarding the proposals to reform European Union Regional Aid and State Aids post 2006; (ii) informing of the discussions and outcome of a major lobbying exercise that was held in Brussels on 15-18 March 2004; and (iii) obtaining approval for Officers and Elected Members of the Council to participate fully in the continued lobbying of the Scottish Executive, UK Government and European Institutions through the Alliance for Regional Aid (ARA) and other organisations including the West of Scotland European Consortium (WoSEC) and the Coalfield Communities Campaign (CCC) with a view to securing appropriate Regional

and State Aid support post 2006 to areas of need in the UK such as East Ayrshire.



18. **WORKING FOR FAMILIES FUND (pages 86-92)** - Submit report dated 25 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services informing of the current position regarding the Working for Families Project and seeking approval for (i) the areas within which the project will operate; and (ii) the proposed target client group.



19. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 93-96)** - Submit report dated 22 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.



20. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - Recommend that the Committee pass the following resolution: "That under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public 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 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

21. **STREET LIGHTING UNIT PROCUREMENT OF STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE (pages 97-106)** - Submit report dated 20 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services updating on current procurement arrangements for street lighting maintenance and seeking approval for the Business Plan for the Street Lighting Unit for 2004/2005. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

22. **PROCUREMENT OF ENGINEERING WORK AND ROADS CONTRACTS BUSINESS PLAN (pages 107-127)** - Submit report dated 7 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services informing of the projected requirement for the procurement of engineering works under the control of the Development and Property Services Department and recommending approval of the Business Plan for the Roads Contract Unit and Best Value suppliers for a range of work required to be contracted by the Department. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

23. **TRANSPORT SERVICES - PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES UNIT BUSINESS PLAN (pages 128-149)** - Submit report dated 20 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services updating on current procurement arrangements for Transport Services and seeking approval for the Transport Services Business Plan for 2004/2005. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**