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To: Councillors Farrell (Chair), McKay, O'Neill, Young, Reeves, D Coffey, W Coffey, McIntyre, Linton, Campbell, Provost Darnbrough and Councillors Knapp, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Kelly, N McGhee, Ross, Dinwoodie, Stewart and Carmichael; Church Representatives: Bill McGregor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

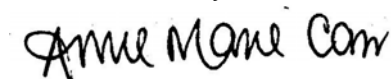
24 January 2006

Dear Member

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 31 JANUARY 2006**

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** on **TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2006** at **1000 HOURS**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton  
Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

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### **BUSINESS**

#### **INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

- 1. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 11 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance advising Members of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Education Services for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES UNIT TO 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 5-9)** - Submit joint report dated 6 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Onsite Services Business Unit for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).

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3. **DESTINATIONS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS (pages 10-14)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing Members of the destinations of leavers from East Ayrshire Schools 2004/2005, as published on the National Priorities web-site.

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4. **ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2005 (pages 15-19)** - Submit report dated 16 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for (i) the submission of the standard annual report to the Scottish Executive on the progress made by the Authority in overtaking the National Priorities in Education and (ii) the publication of the annual Standards and Quality Report covering 2005.

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5. **PRIORITY TO IMPROVEMENT 2006 (pages 20-24)** - Submit report dated 24 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a new set of local improvement objectives to cover the calendar year 2006.

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6. **CHILD PROTECTION REFORM PROGRAMME UPDATE (pages 25-27)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating the Committee on progress in the Child Protection Reform Programme.

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7. **QUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR CHILD PROTECTION (pages 28-32)** - Submit report dated 16 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of the development of a national document describing a process of self evaluation in the area of child protection.

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8. **RECORDS OF NEEDS AND APPEALS (pages 33-36)** - Submit report dated 24 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing Members of the latest developments in relation to Records of Needs and appeals procedures and seeking approval for certain changes in arrangements resulting from these changes.

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9. **NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY CAMPUS: CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS (pages 37-38)** - Submit report dated 12 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to consult on proposals to provide a new Netherthird Community Centre on the existing Community Centre Campus.

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10. **REVISED EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE ADMISSIONS POLICY (pages 39-44)** - Submit report dated 5 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking agreement to implement the proposed revisions to the Early Education and Childcare Admissions Policy and asking the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to remit the report for approval to Council.

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11. **PROGRESS REPORT ON PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT (pages 45-47)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of progress on the Scottish Executive initiative to improve parents' involvement in schools and the latest stages of consultation.

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12. **CAREERS SCOTLAND ENHANCED RESOURCE PILOT (pages 48-49)** - Submit report dated 23 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Service informing of a pilot programme to enhance the resources provided by Careers Scotland to two schools within East Ayrshire.

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13. **PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2007-08 (pages 50-53)** - Submit report dated 6 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to consult with educational establishments, school boards, the Chambers of Commerce, Churches and the teachers' unions on the enclosed proposals.

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14. **HEAD TEACHERS IN INDUSTRY INITIATIVE (pages 54-56)** - Submit report dated 11 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing the Committee of the development of secondment opportunities for senior educational leaders in East Ayrshire.

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15. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 57-62)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted. The amounts shown are the actual costs of the contracts and are exclusive of professional fees.

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16. **ONSITE SERVICES BEST VALUE REVIEW (pages 63-68)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of the outcome from the Best Value Review of Onsite Services.

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17. **LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE: ADDITIONAL CHARGING CATEGORY (pages 69-70)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to add a new category of charge in relation to the Letting Policy as a result of the opening of synthetic playing surfaces.

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18. **THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL THAT (i) PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED PUPILS OF MAUCHLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THEIR ASSOCIATED STAFF BE DECANTED FROM CURRENT BUILDINGS AND RELOCATED WITHIN ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION AT AUCHINLECK ACADEMY, AUCHINLECK PRIMARY AND GREENMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL DURING THE REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION WORK TO EXISTING SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT; AND (ii) THAT DURING THIS PERIOD THE NURSERY CLASS PUPILS BE DECANTED TO CATRINE NURSERY SCHOOL (pages 71-83)** - Submit report dated 17 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services.

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19. **SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT: INSPECTION INTO THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN EILEAN SIAR (pages 84-90)** - Submit report dated 10 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) providing Members with further information in relation to the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) report on the care and protection of children in Eilean Siar; (ii) detailing the position in East Ayrshire in relation to the report recommendations; and (iii) highlighting

the main areas of work that need to be completed in 2006 to satisfy all of the recommendations.

