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To: Councillors Farrell (Chair), McKay, O'Neill, Young, Reeves, W Coffey, Reid, 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; and Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey.

23 January 2007

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 30 JANUARY 2007

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 30 JANUARY 2007** 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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B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES (page 1)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record and approval of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes, viz:-

- 1.1 **CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF 18 DECEMBER 2006** - (copy enclosed).



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 10 DECEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 9) (pages 2-5)** - Submit joint report dated 11 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 10 December 2006 (Period 9).

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3. **ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2006 (pages 6-28)** - Submit report dated 10 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the submission of the standard Annual Report to the Scottish Executive on progress made by the Authority in National Priorities in Education and its publication as the Educational Services Section within the Departmental Standards and Quality Report for 2006.

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4. **DESTINATIONS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS (pages 29-33)** - Submit report dated 19 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the destinations of leavers from East Ayrshire schools in 2005/2006 as published by the Scottish Executive.

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5. **CONSULTATION ON GUIDANCE ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PARENTS MAY CHOOSE TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME (pages 34-41)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services inviting Members to approve the response to the Consultation on Guidance on the Circumstances in which Parents may Choose to Educate their Children at Home.

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6. **NEET STRATEGY (pages 42-55)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a NEET (Not an Education, Employment or Training) Strategy co-ordinated by the Education Service of East Ayrshire Council.

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7. **RESPONSE TO "THE DRAFT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN HEAD TEACHER AND DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER APPOINTMENTS REGULATIONS 2007 - A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT" (pages 56-60)** - Submit report dated January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the response to the Scottish Executive's Consultation Document: "The Draft Parental Involvement in Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher Appointments Regulations 2007".

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8. **2006/2007 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND SCHOOL FUND VIREMENTS (Item 19, Page 2069, 03/07) (pages 61-64)** - Submit report dated 11 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to vire slippage in the Capital Programme and School Fund Projects and to agree the proposed allocation of a further £489,000 from the Scottish Executive under School Fund Programme.

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9. **2007/2008 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND SCHOOL FUND (pages 65-69)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for (i) the 2007/2008 Education Service Capital Programme proposals; and (ii) the 2007/2008 proposals to be financed through the Scottish Executive School Fund.

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10. **RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON EDUCATION APPEAL COMMITTEES: PROPOSALS FOR REFORM (pages 70-76)** - Submit report dated 11 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the Authority response to the Scottish Executive consultation on proposals for Reform of Education Appeals Committees.

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11. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS OF AMBITION (pages 77-78)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of additional funding received to support the Schools of Ambition Initiative in Doon Learning Partnership.




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12. **DISABILITY EQUALITY ACTION PLAN (pages 79-90)** - Submit report dated 12 December 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking the approval for the Education Disability Equality Action Plan.

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13. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS (pages 91-92)** - Submit report dated 11 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for proposals to delegate additional resources to schools and early years establishments.

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14. **FORMER OLD PERSON'S CABIN, 11 RICCARTON ROAD, HURLFORD (pages 93-96)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the position regarding the former Old Person's Cabin in Hurlford shown on the attached plan to make recommendations accordingly.

15. **PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2008/2009 (pages 97-101)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2007 (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 Teachers' Union on the proposals outlined within this report.

16. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 102-106)** - Submit report dated 14 December 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.

17. **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 THE Paragraphs of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item".
18. **CHILD PROTECTION SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT (PARA 5) (pages 107-111)** - Submit report dated 3 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the significant child protection incident within East Ayrshire Council and the subsequent review of the case that took place and highlighting the main findings from the review of the case and the action required to further strengthen child protection practices in East Ayrshire. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
19. **HILLBANK NURSERY AND FAMILY CENTRE, HILL STREET, KILMARNOCK (PARA 9) (pages 112-114)** - Submit report dated 18 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the position regarding the former Hillbank Nursery and Family Centre and surrounding land shown on the plan attached to the report and making recommendations accordingly. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**