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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.

16 March 2005

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 22 MARCH 2005

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2005 at 1000 HOURS** 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
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B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

- 1. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO 6 FEBRUARY 2005 (PERIOD 11) (pages 1-3)** - Submit joint report dated 10 March 2005 (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 6 February 2005 (Period 11).



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES UNIT TO 6 FEBRUARY 2005 (PERIOD 11) (pages 4-6)** - Submit joint report dated 28 February 2005 (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 6 February 2005 (Period 11).

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3. **VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2005/2006 (pages 7-10)** - Submit report dated 4 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking Committee approval for recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2005/2006.

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4. **ATTENDANCE OF PRIMARY 1 PUPILS (pages 11-14)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the proposal that Primary 1 pupils commence full-day attendance at school from early September rather than current practice of mid-October.

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5. **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF TO SUPPORT THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUPIL BEHAVIOUR (pages 15-17)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of additional funding allocated by the Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED) provided for the employment of school support staff and advising that these additional staff will focus on work related to improving pupil behaviour.

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6. **RESPONSE TO INTERIM REPORT REGARDING "BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF A LIFELONG LEARNING SOCIETY: A REVIEW OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES IN SCOTLAND" (pages 18-20)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the Authority's response to the Interim Report (November 2004) regarding "A Review of Collaboration Between Schools and Further Education Colleges in Scotland" (Scottish Executive, February 2004).

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7. **CHILDCARE CHARGES (pages 21-22)** - Submit report dated 10 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking agreement of the Members of the Education Committee to increase the level of current charge for childcare in the Council Nurseries which provide childcare in addition to pre-school education.

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8. **BIRTH TO THREE: SUPPORTING OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN (pages 23-24)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the recently published "Birth to Three: Supporting our Youngest Children" document.



9. **REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE (pages 25-27)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to revise charges for accommodation use by Community Groups.



10. **APPLICATIONS FOR LETTING OF COUNCIL PREMISES (pages 28-29)** - Submit report dated 4 March 2005 (copy enclosed) informing of a revised letting application form and associated guidance for use of education premises and seeking approval for the procedures in relation to the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003.



11. **PEACE OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE SERVICES (pages 30-31)** - Submit report dated 8 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for additional funding to PEACE in financial year 2004/2005.



12. **EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT (EFQM) ASSESSMENT (pages 32-34)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the results of a self evaluation exercise using the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Model.



13. **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING CODE OF PRACTICE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION (pages 35-37)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the results of a consultation exercise on the draft Code of Practice issued in relation to the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004.



14. **CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS (pages 38-39)** - Submit report dated 10 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising that the Council's Financial Regulations require Departments annually to review internally set charges and proposing adjustments, where necessary, to the spending committee and proposing the

revised charges for school meals to be implemented from Tuesday 16 August 2005.



15. **HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS (pages 40-45)** - Submit report dated 24 February 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the progress achieved within the "Hungry for Success" initiative since the last report to Education Committee on 23 March 2004.



16. **ORGANIC MEALS, SUSTAINABILITY AND LOCAL PRODUCE (pages 46-48)** - Submit report dated 24 February 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of a successful pilot scheme at Hurlford Primary School and proposing an extension to a further 10 schools.



17. **LINKS WITH THE HUNTER FOUNDATION (pages 49-50)** - Submit report dated 7 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of new links being developed with The Hunter Foundation to benefit schools within the Authority.



18. **EXCLUSIONS 2003/2004 (pages 51-54)** - Submit report dated 7 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the levels of school exclusion during 2003/2004 and the action being taken to manage exclusions.



19. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 55-57)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.



20. **EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/2006 AND SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2005 (pages 58-62)** - Submit report dated 7 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the 2005/2006 Education Service Capital Programme proposals and seeking approval to progress with the programme attached as Appendix 1 to the report and seeking further approval for the adoption of the 2005 School Estate Management Plan (SEMP) and its submission to the Scottish Executive.



21. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - Recommend that the Committee pass the following Resolution:- "That under Section 50A(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 paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item”.

- 22. ONSITE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN (PARA 6) (pages 63-71)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services submitting the Onsite Services Business Plan for 2005/2006 for consideration and approval of this Committee. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

- 23. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW (PARA 1) (pages 72-75)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the outcome of the Best Value Review of the Community Learning and Development Service and to make recommendations accordingly. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**