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To: Councillors Farrell (Chair), McKay, O'Neill, Young, Reeves, 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; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey; and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

15 March 2006

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 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 21 MARCH 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 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 2 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance to advise of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 5 February 2006 (Period 11).



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: ONSITE SERVICES UNIT TO 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 5-7)** - Submit joint report dated 20 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance to advise of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Onsite Services Business Unit for the period ended 5 February 2006 (Period 11).

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3. **PROPOSED MERGER OF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES OF WITCHHILL SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK WITH WOODSTOCK SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK (pages 8-14)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of a consultation document outlining proposals to merge the management structures under one Head Teacher of Witchhill School, Kilmarnock, with Woodstock School, Kilmarnock, in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

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4. **AMALGAMATION OF ST COLUMBA'S AND ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS (pages 15-16)** - Submit report dated 9 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to inform of progress in the amalgamation of St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary Schools.

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5. **SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS FOR AUCHINLECK AND LOUDOUN SWIMMING POOLS (pages 17-18)** - Submit report dated 16 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to seek approval for the appointment of Swimming Instructors for Auchinleck Academy and Loudoun Academy Swimming Pools.

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6. **RESPONSE TO "PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT - HEAD TEACHER AND DEPUTE HEAD TEACHER APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES": A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (pages 19-22)** - Submit report dated February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to inform of the Council's response to the Scottish Executive's consultation document: "Parental Involvement - Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher Appointment Procedures".

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7. **REVIEW OF INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION: MONITORING OF PROGRESS AGAINST MINISTERIAL CHALLENGES: EAST AYRSHIRE RESPONSE (pages 23-25)** - Submit report dated 20 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to inform of the Council's response to the Review of Initial Teacher Education: Monitoring of Progress Against the Ministerial Challenges.

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8. **SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY (pages 26-29)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to seek Committee approval, in respect of teachers' interests, to proposed changes to the Council's Smoking in the Workplace Policy, subject to consultation with Trade Unions.

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9. **CREATIVE MINDS - UPDATE REPORT MARCH 2006 (pages 30-33)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to update on initiatives and forthcoming external funding applications supporting Creative Minds - Arts and Education Strategy.

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10. **REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE AND APPLICATION FOR LETTING OF COUNCIL PREMISES (pages 34-37)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to seek approval to revised charges for accommodation used by Community Groups and to inform of proposed changes to the application form and associated guidance in relation to the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005.

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11. **CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS (pages 38-39)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to propose revised charges for school meals to be implemented from Tuesday 16 August 2006.

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12. **NETHERTHIRD COMMUNITY CAMPUS CONSULTATION (pages 40-41)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to inform of the outcome of the community consultation which took place on the proposals to build a new Community Centre in Netherthird.

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13. **20:20 VISION: CHALLENGE AND CHANGE IN CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY (pages 42-45)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to inform of an initiative to further support the Cumnock and Doon Learning Partnerships. This initiative, entitled 20:20 Vision, is being supported by the Scottish Executive and the Hunter Foundation.



14. **ONSITE SERVICES BEST VALUE REVIEW (pages 46-51)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to advise of the outcome from the Best Value Review of Onsite Services.



15. **REVIEW OF TRADING OPERATIONS (pages 52-54)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to seek approval to amend the Trading Status of the former CCT Services of Catering and Cleaning within the remit of the Education Committee, identified as a recommendation in the Onsite Best Value Review 2006.



16. **ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE: VARIOUS PROJECTS (pages 55-57)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advise of the contractual overspend on several projects.



17. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 58-60)** - Submit report dated 3 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to provide, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.



- 17A **EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 (pages 69-73)** - Submit report dated 16 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to seek approval (a) for the 2006/2007 Education Service Capital Programme proposals; (b) to progress with the programme set out in the report; and (c) for the 2006/2007 proposals to be financed under the Scottish Executive School Fund.



18. **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 item of business on the grounds

that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.

- 19. ONSITE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN (pages 61-68)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to submit the Onsite Services Business Plan for 2006/2007 for consideration and approval. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING, JOHN McCARNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOLS SUPPORT, WILL DELIVER A PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT PARENTAL IMPROVEMENT BILL