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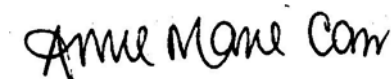
13 March 2007

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 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 20 MARCH 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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Members are advised for their information that there will be a presentation entitled 'Tam O'Haggis' prior to the start of the meeting at 0945 hours by pupils from Loudoun Academy.

B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

- 1. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 4 FEBRUARY 2007 (PERIOD 11) (pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 1 March 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 4 February 2007 (Period 11).



2. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS (pages 5-6)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for proposals to delegate additional resources to Primary, Secondary and Special Schools.

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3. **ADDITIONAL 2006/2007 BUDGET ALLOCATION (pages 7-9)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for spending proposals following additional resources allocated to the Education Services by the Policy and Resources Committee.

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4. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (pages 10-12)** - Submit report dated 26 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services providing the Education Committee with information about additional resources which were received in the Council on non-recurring basis for children's services.

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5. **LISTENING TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS (pages 13-16)** - Submit report dated 12 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the results of a comprehensive survey of staff, parents and carers and pupils on their opinions of the Educational Services provided by the Department.

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6. **EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES: PRIORITY TO IMPROVEMENT 2007-2010 (pages 17-23)** - Submit report dated 27 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of a new approach to Service Improvement Planning and seeking approval for the Annual Statement of Educational Improvement Objectives 2007-2010.

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7. **A GUIDE TO EVALUATING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE USING QUALITY INDICATORS (pages 24-26)** - Submit report dated 27 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the approaches to evaluating services for children and young people presently in place and planned for the future in East Ayrshire.

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8. **LITERACY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE (pages 27-36)** - Submit report dated 26 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the progress made with regard to literacy development in East Ayrshire and seeking approval for the Literacy Strategy.

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9. **DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR PARENT FORUM AND PARENT COUNCIL (pages 37-44)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the draft Constitution for Parent Council and Parent Forum.

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10. **RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS AT SCHOOLS (pages 45-48)** - Submit report dated 21 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services inviting Members to approve the response to the Scottish Executive consultation document: Engaged and Involved: Attendance in Scottish Schools.

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11. **DETERMINED TO SUCCEED WORK BASED VOCATIONAL LEARNING FUNDING (pages 49-51)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating on the recent Determined to Succeed Supplementary Funding Award to support the development of work based vocational learning opportunities.






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12. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3 & 4 (1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 AND 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2006) (pages 52-59)** - Submit report dated 26 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of absence rates for the Department of Educational and Social Services for the period 1 July to 30 September 2006 and 1 October to 31 December 2006.

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13. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN (pages 60-70)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the 2007/2008 Health and Safety Action Plan for Education.

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14. **REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE (Item 11, Page 2067, 03/07) (pages 71-73)** - Submit report dated 16 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to revise charges for accommodation used by Community Groups.

15. **VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2007/2008 (pages 74-77)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2007/2008.

16. **CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY GIFT FURNITURE SCHEME AND THE HOLIDAY PROJECT - GRANT FUNDING 2007/2008 (pages 78-50)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the annual evaluations of Cumnock & Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme and the Holiday Project and confirming future funding arrangements.

17. **“LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER” (pages 81-91)**- Submit report dated 7 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the contents of the national report “Looked After Children and Young People: We Can and Must Do Better” and seeking approval for an Action Plan to address the main issues identified in this document.

18. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 92-94)** - Submit report dated 27 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.

19. **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 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 as shown against each item”.
20. **ONSITE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN (pages 95-101)** - Submit report dated 7 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services submitting the Onsite Services Business Plan for 2007/2008 for consideration and approval. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**