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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; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey; and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

31 October 2006

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 7 NOVEMBER 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 7 NOVEMBER 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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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 25 MAY 2006** - (copy enclosed).



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 17 SEPTEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 6) (pages 2-5)** - Submit joint report dated 18 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance advising on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 17 September 2006 (Period 6).

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3. **SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY EXAM RESULTS 2006 (pages 6-10)** - Submit report dated 13 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the overall East Ayrshire performance in the 2006 diet of examinations.

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4. **RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE (pages 11-16)** - Submit report dated 13 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of progress in implementing the Race Equality Action Plan and seeking approval of the Plan up to 2008.

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5. **AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT GAELIC NATIONAL PLAN AND GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN (pages 17-21)** - Submit report dated 9 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services inviting Elected Members to approve the Department's response to the publication of the draft National Plan for Gaelic, which incorporates a national Gaelic Language Plan.







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6. **PLACING REQUESTS - IMPACT OF RECENT LEGISLATION (pages 22-25)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the impact of the Additional Support for Learning (Scotland) Act 2004 on the administration of placing requests and the procedures of Educational Appeals Committees.

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7. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES - STRATEGIC SELF ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE - PROGRESS REPORT (pages 26-45)** - Submit report dated 5 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating on the Department of Educational and Social Services' progress in addressing areas for improvement identified during the Strategic Self Assessment of the Department's performance.

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8. **NATIONAL REVIEW OF THE EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE WORKFORCE: INVESTING IN CHILDREN'S FUTURES (pages 46-53)** - Submit report dated 11 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the Council's response to the "National Review of the Early Years and Childcare Workforce: Investing in Children's Futures"

9. **EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MAJOR PROJECTS (pages 54-56)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of progress in four major capital projects and seeking approval for funding proposals.

10. **OUTWITH PLACEMENTS (pages 57-60)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services providing a summary of the Department of Educational and Social Services use of outwith placements up to 30 September 2006.

11. **HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN (pages 61-64)** - Submit report dated 21 September 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking the approval for proposals detailed in the Hungry for Success Development Plan for 2006-2009.

12. **MORE CHOICES, MORE CHANCES: A STRATEGY TO REDUCE THE PROPORTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING IN SCOTLAND (pages 65-68)** - Submit report dated 4 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of current developments and provision for young people in the NEET Group and seeking approval for a strategy in order to address the needs of this population.

13. **PRIORITY TO IMPROVEMENT 2006-2007 SERVICE PLAN (pages 69-70)** - Submit report dated 13 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the Improvement Plan for School-based education services related to the five National Priorities for Education and the Authority Special Objectives set out in Priority to Improvement 2006-2007.


14. **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF YOUTH WORK SERVICES (pages 71-80)** - Submit report dated 19 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the outcome of a review of Community Learning and Development Youth Work Services.



15. **CREATIVE MINDS UPDATE - CULTURAL AND MUSIC PARTNERSHIP AWARDS AND PROJECTS (pages 81-84)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating on the recent award of the annual Major Trophy by the National Music Council (NMC) of Great Britain, on the recent successful funding applications of the Scottish Arts Council (SAC) and the Scottish Museums Council (SMC) and the forthcoming music partnership projects with Scottish Opera and Tapestry.



16. **EXTRAORDINARY LIVES - CREATING A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND (pages 85-88)** - Submit report dated 6 October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the publication and implications of the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) report "Extraordinary Lives - Creating a Positive Future for Looked After Children and Young People in Scotland 2006".



17. **REPORT ON STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (pages 89-92)** - Submit report dated October 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of Statutory Performance Indicators for Education within the Department of Educational and Social Services for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 and of performance trends over the past three years.

