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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: Mr Bill McGregor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

7 September 2004

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 14 SEPTEMBER 2004

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2004 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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INTIMATE APOLOGIES

- 1. NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION - CHURCH OF SCOTLAND REPRESENTATIVE (pages 1-2)** - Submit joint report dated 6 September 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the resignation of Rev John Taylor as Church of Scotland representative on the Education Committee and noting the proposed

appointment of a new Church of Scotland representative to serve on the Education Committee.

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2. **BUDGET CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO 25 JULY 2004 (PERIOD 4) (pages 3-6)** - Submit joint report dated 25 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance advising Members on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 25 July 2004 (Period 4).

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3. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES UNIT TO 25 JULY 2004 (PERIOD 4) (pages 7-9)** - Submit joint report dated 27 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance advising Members on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Onsite Services Business Unit for the period ended 25 July 2004 (Period 4).

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4. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN (pages 10-18)** - Submit report dated 16 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the 2004/05 Departmental Health and Safety Action Plan for Education Services.

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5. **NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PE AND SPORT - UPDATE (pages 19-21)** - Submit report dated 23 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of progress in the development of bids for improvements to schools' PE facilities, and seeking approval for the submission of the first phase of bids to the Big Lottery Fund, previously the New Opportunities Fund.

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6. **ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY (pages 22-26)** - Submit report dated 2 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for an updated accessibility strategy for schools.

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7. **BEST VALUE REVIEW: THREE YEAR PROGRAMME (pages 27-29)** - Submit report dated 30 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking agreement to a programme of best value reviews for the Department of Educational and Social Services to take place over the next three years.

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8. **PERFORMANCE OF EAST AYRSHIRE SCHOOLS IN 5-14 NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS (pages 30-33)** - Submit report dated 28 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the performance of East Ayrshire Schools in 5-14 National Assessments.



9. **PROJECTS TO IMPROVE PRIMARY/SECONDARY TRANSITION, FOCUSING ON LITERACY AND NUMERACY (pages 34-38)** - Submit report dated 25 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of externally funded projects designed to improve primary/secondary transition, with a particular focus on improving standards of literacy and numeracy.



10. **A STRATEGY FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS IN EAST AYRSHIRE (pages 39-48)** - Submit report dated 23 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the strategy for the Continuing Professional Development for Teachers in East Ayrshire.



11. **PRINCIPAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (pages 49-54)** - Submit report dated 23 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of the strategy for the development of Principal Teachers in primary and secondary schools within the Authority.



12. **CREATIVE MINDS UPDATE (pages 55-59)** - Submit report dated 16 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating on recent programmes and Scottish Arts Council funding awards.



13. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1 APRIL 2003 - 31 MARCH 2004) (pages 60-62)** - Submit report dated 26 August 2004 (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 April 2004 to 31 March 2004.



14. **RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN (pages 63-70)** - Submit report dated 27 July 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of progress in implementing the Race Quality Action Plan.



15. **CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT: FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF GRANGE ACADEMY HEARING IMPAIRMENT UNIT (pages 71-75)** - Submit report dated 7 September 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services proposing to assimilate the Hearing Impairment Unit at Grange Academy, Kilmarnock into Grange Academy.



16. **CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT: FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE PROVISION IN SHORTLEES NURSERY SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK (pages 76-79)** - Submit report dated 7 September 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services proposing to bring Shortlees Nursery School under the management of the Head Teacher at Shortlees Primary School.



17. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 80-85)** - Submit report dated 24 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.

