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To: Councillors Kelly (Chair); Young; D Coffey; W Coffey; Reid; Cree; Weir; McIntyre; McCrae; Campbell; Knapp; Raymond; Finlayson; Jackson; Smith; Farrell; Menzies; N McGhee; Ross; Dinwoodie and Stewart

18 January 2006

Dear Councillor

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 25 JANUARY 2006

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the **Housing Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2006** Commencing 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. **DRAFT ESTIMATES 2006/2007: HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (PAGES 1-3)** – Submit joint report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Head of Finance advising of, and seeking approval to, the Draft Revenue Estimates 2006/2007, in respect of the Housing Revenue Account for the purposes of consultation.



2. BUDGETARY REPORTS

- 2.1 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 4-6)** - Submit joint report dated 4 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the current budgetary control position for the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).

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- 2.2 GENERAL FUND HOUSING TO 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 7-8)** - Submit joint report dated 4 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the General Fund Housing for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).

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- 2.3 SUPPORTING PEOPLE ADMINISTRATION TO 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 9-10)** - Submit joint report dated 4 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Supporting People Administration for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).

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- 2.4 ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 11-12)** - Submit joint report dated 4 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Anti-Social Behaviour for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).

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- 2.5 BUILDING AND WORKS TO 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 13-14)** - Submit joint report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Building and Works for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).

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3. **FINAL MEASUREMENTS ON CONTRACTS (pages 15-18)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to inform members on final measurements for contracts.

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4. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 19-23)** - Submit report dated 22 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to provide, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.

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5. **DEMOLITION AND ASSOCIATED LAND REHABILITATION WORKS AT RICcarton WEST, KILMARNOCK (pages 24-25)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advise of the contractual overspend on the project for demolition and associated land rehabilitation works at Riccarton West, Kilmarnock.

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6. **HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2005/2006: (pages 26-29)** - Submit joint report dated 23 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advise (a) of the current status of projects within the Housing Investment Programme 2005/2006 and set out the current position in relation to financial monitoring and physical progress; and (b) of the initiatives taken to commit currently identified savings upon the Housing Investment Programme 2005/2006, and to seek authority to enter into extended contractual arrangements.

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7. **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE (pages 30-36)** - Submit report dated 16 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to update on East Ayrshire Council's Housing Development Programme.

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8. **PROPOSED HOUSING INITIATIVE AREAS (pages 37-40)** – Submit report dated 16 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the current position regarding progress in the initiative areas of Riccarton West, Kilmarnock; Chapel Lane, Galston; the ongoing development proposals at Longpark, Kilmarnock and Littlemill Road, Drongan and further development proposals in respect of Cairnhill, New Cumnock and Mossdale Terrace, Bellsbank.

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9. **KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY (pages 51-52)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services requesting the Committee to consider, and if acceptable, endorse the Kilmarnock Town Centre Strategy.

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10. **PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANT (pages 53-55)** – Submit report dated 19 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of an increase in Private Sector Housing Grant support from Communities Scotland; and to provide the revised 2005/2006 budget in tabular form as requested at the last meeting.

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11. **THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (pages 56-59)** - Submit joint report dated 20 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to advise of the operation of the Supporting People Programme in East Ayrshire Council.

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12. **REGULATION AND ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE LANDLORDS (pages 60-64)** - Submit report dated 20 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to (a) advise on the regulation of Private Landlords under the Anti-Social Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004; of the “Timeline of Action” for the implementation of National Registration of Private Landlords; and of proposed costs, including staffing of National Registration; and (b) seek approval for the implementation of a feasibility study into Private Landlord Accreditation, within the Private Rented Sector.

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13. **RACE RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000 (pages 65-69)** – Submit report dated 5 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on action taken and progress made in implementing the Council’s Race Equality Scheme (Year 3) within the Housing Service.

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14. **FORMER TENANT ARREARS (pages 70-71)** – Submit report dated 4 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to seek approval for the writing off of those former tenant arrears which are no longer economically viable to pursue.

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15. **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (pages 72-76)** – Submit report dated 5 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to inform of performance of the Housing Service in relation to Statutory Key Performance Indicators for the half year from 1 April to 30 September 2005.



16. **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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.
17. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KIRKLAND AVENUE, KILMARNOCK (pages 77-80)**- Submit report dated 16 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to request that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of land at Kirkland Avenue, Kilmarnock extending to 3.3255 hectares (8.22 acres), or thereby, and authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
18. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND ADJACENT TO 4 BURNS AVENUE, MUIRKIRK (pages 81-83)** - Submit report dated 1 November 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements a plot of ground extending to 237 Sq Mtrs, or thereby, situated adjacent to 4 Burns Avenue, Muirkirk and authorise the disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**