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To: Councillors Kelly (Chair), Young, Coffey, Reid, Cree, Weir, McIntyre, Macrae, Campbell, Knapp, Raymond, Finlayson, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Farrell, Menzies, N McGhee, Ross, Dinwoodie and Stewart.

15 March 2006

Dear Councillor

HOUSING COMMITTEE - 22 MARCH 2006

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Housing Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 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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INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. BUDGETARY REPORTS

- 1.1 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 23 February 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 5 February 2006 (Period 11).



- 1.2 GENERAL FUND HOUSING TO 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 5-6)** - Submit joint report dated 23 February 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 5 February 2006 (Period 11).



- 1.3 SUPPORTING PEOPLE ADMINISTRATION TO 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 7-8)** - Submit joint report dated 23 February 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 5 February 2006 (Period 11).



- 1.4 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 9-10)** - Submit joint report dated 23 February 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 5 February 2006 (Period 11).



- 1.5 BUILDING AND WORKS TO 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 11-12)** - Submit joint report dated 3 March 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 5 February 2006 (Period 11).



- 2. AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 13-16)** - Submit report dated 7 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.



3. **HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2005/2006 (pages 17-20)** - Submit joint report dated 5 March 2006 (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 to 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.

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4. **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2006/2009 (pages 21-80)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (a) to note and seek approval for proposed expenditure of the funding awarded by the Scottish Executive for 2006/2007 to assist in the delivery of the Homelessness Task Force Recommendations; (b) to advise of progress in delivering the outcomes of the Council's Homelessness Strategy 2003/2006; (c) to submit the Council's Homelessness Strategy 2006/2009 for approval; and (d) to request that the current staffing arrangements be extended until March 2007.

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5. **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY (pages 81-88)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the outcome of the consultation with tenants and other stakeholders on a range of issues within the Allocations Policy.

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6. **VOID MANAGEMENT POLICY (pages 89-103)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to recommend the proposed Void Management Policy in respect of the management of the Council's housing stock.

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7. **FORMER TENANT ARREARS (pages 104-105)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to seek approval for writing off those former tenant arrears which are no longer economically viable to pursue.

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8. **HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT 1995: FOURTH PROGRESS REPORT 2005 (pages 106-127)** - Submit joint report dated 23 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to update on the implementation of the Council's response to its obligations under the terms of the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (HECA) prior to the submission of the Fourth Progress Report 2005.

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9. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2006/2007 (pages 128-136)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (a) to inform of progress of the Department's Health and Safety Action Plan 2005/2006; and (b) to advise of the content of the Department's Health and Safety Action Plan 2006/2007.



10. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 4 (2005) FOR HOUSING AND BUILDING AND WORKS SERVICES (pages 137-140)** - Submit report dated 23 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of absence rates for the Housing and Building and Works Services within the Department of Neighbourhood Services for the quarterly period ending 31 December 2005.



11. **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 the Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item".

12. **HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2005/2006: ABANDONMENT OF WORKS CONTRACT (PARA 6) (pages 141-143)** - Submit joint report dated 5 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advise of the steps taken to stop further works on site on a project included in the Housing Investment Programme 2005/06. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

13. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WOODLEA COURT, CROSSHOUSE (PARA 9) (pages 144-147)**- Submit joint report dated 8 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to request that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of land at Woodlea Court, Crosshouse, extending to 1.21 hectares (2.99 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.**