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

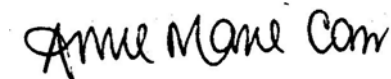
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Dear Councillor

HOUSING COMMITTEE - 19 MAY 2004

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Housing Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2004** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, commencing at **1000 HOURS**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



David Mitchell
Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support

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B U S I N E S S







INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 1-3)** - Submit report dated 29 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support to provide, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.



2. **HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/2004 AND HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2004/2005 (pages 4-11)** - Submit report dated 13 May 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the anticipated financial out-turn position on the housing capital programme for the year 2003-2004; and to advise of the current status of projects within the Housing Capital Programme 2004/2005.



3. **PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF LOCK-UPS IN BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PATHFINDER AREAS: KIRKTON ROAD, KILMARNOCK (pages 12-14)** - Submit report dated 11 May 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to seek authority to demolish 10 lock-ups (Nos 2-11, inclusive) situated at Kirkton Road, Kilmarnock.

4. **AUTHORISED NON-OCCUPATION POLICY (pages 15-23)** - Submit report dated 21 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services recommending the proposed "Authorised Non Occupation Policy" in respect of Council house tenancies in East Ayrshire.

5. **PILOT RENT DEPOSIT GUARANTEE SCHEME (pages 24-27)** - Submit report dated 21 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to establish and manage a Pilot Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme with a view to establishing a permanent Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme in due course.

6. **FEUDAL REFORM/FACTORING OF RIGHT TO BUY HOUSING PROPERTIES (pages 28-32)** - Submit joint report dated 28 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Solicitor to the Council to advise on the effects of recent legislation on the ability of the Council to enforce Title conditions in Right to Buy sales; to seek authority to amend the Council House Sales and Feu Duty collection process to address the legislative effects; and to report on current progress on the introduction of a proposed factoring service to be offered by the Council to the occupiers of former Council house properties, linked to the proposed introduction of the Tenement (Scotland) Bill presently being considered by the Scottish Parliament.

7. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER 1 2004 (pages 33-35)** - Submit report dated 19 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of absence rates for the Department of Homes and Technical Services for the quarterly period ended 31 March 2004.

8. **PROPOSED INITIATIVE AREAS (pages 36-38)** - Submit report dated 28 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services informing of the current position regarding the invitation of expressions of interest from appropriate housing developers/partners for the sustained regeneration of various housing development areas.


9. **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, LONGPARK, KILMARNOCK (pages 39-48)** - Submit report dated 15 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking authority to progress identified housing development proposals to further promote the sustained regeneration of Longpark, Kilmarnock, through the development of a partnership arrangement to provide social rent and private housing development works.



10. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CRAUFURDLAND ROAD, KILMARNOCK (pages 49-51)** - Submit report dated 28 April 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements two plots of ground extending to (a) 1,915 sq m² situated between 53 and 55 Craufurdland Road, Kilmarnock; and (b) 1,997 sq m² situated between 8 and 12 Craufurdland Road, Kilmarnock, for disposal on the open market; and to authorise the Director of Development and Property Services to market the subjects in accordance with the Council procedures.

