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

11 May 2005

Dear Councillor

HOUSING COMMITTEE - 18 MAY 2005

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Housing Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2005** 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. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 1-4)** - Submit report dated 25 April 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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- 2. HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES 2004/2005 AND 2005/2006 (pages 5-7)** - Submit joint report dated 21 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advise (a) of the anticipated out-turn position for the financial year 2004/2005; (b) of the initiatives taken to commit identified savings upon the Housing Investment Programme 2004/2005, together with the detail of extended contractual arrangements; and (c) 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.


- 3. SHELTERED HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS AT HAMILTON GARDENS, STEWARTON (pages 8-12)** - Submit report dated 3 May 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advise of the contractual overspend on the project for improvements at Hamilton Gardens Sheltered Housing, Stewarton.


- 4. PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF LOCK-UPS IN MACBETH DRIVE, KILMARNOCK (pages 13-15)** - Submit report dated 4 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking authority to demolish 22 lock-ups at Nos 1-22 (inclusive) situated in MacBeth Drive, Kilmarnock.


- 5. PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF LOCK-UPS IN WITCHHILL PLACE, KILMARNOCK (pages 16-18)** - Submit report dated 29 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services seeking authority to demolish 7 lock-ups at Nos E1-E7 (inclusive) situated at Witchhill Place, Kilmarnock.


- 6. ALLOCATIONS POLICY (pages 19-22)** - Submit report dated 28 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of the outcome of consultation with tenants and other stakeholders on a range of issues within the Allocations Policy.


- 7. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY UPDATE (pages 23-48)** - Submit report dated 3 May 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (a) inviting the Committee to note, and seeking approval for, proposed expenditure of funding awarded by the Scottish Executive for 2005/2006 to assist in the delivery of the Homelessness Task Force recommendations; (b) to advise of progress towards the

implementation of the East Ayrshire Homelessness Strategy 2003/2006; and (c) seeking authority to implement and identify the actions required to achieve the overall objectives of the Strategy.



8. **THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (pages 49-53)** - Submit joint report dated 14 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to advise of the continuing funding arrangements in respect of the Supporting People Programme and the numbers of service users that benefit from Supporting People funding.



9. **FORMER TENANT ARREARS (pages 54-55)** - Submit report dated 29 April 2005 (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.



10. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER 1 - 2005: HOUSING AND BUILDING AND WORKS SERVICES (pages 56-58)** - Submit report dated 29 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to advise of absence rates for the Housing and Building Works Services within the Department of Neighbourhood Services for the quarterly period ending 31 March 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 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

12. **LAND AT CRIFFEL PLACE AND VORLICH PLACE, KILMARNOCK (pages 59-61)** - Submit joint report dated 7 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services requesting the Committee (a) to declare surplus to requirements areas of ground extending to 312m² and 331m² at Criffel Place and Vorlich Place, respectively; and (b) to authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

13. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND FORMING PART OF GARDEN GROUND ASSOCIATED WITH 9 DUNNET PLACE, KILMARNOCK (pages 62-65)** - Submit report dated 25 April 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services requesting that the Committee (a) declare surplus to requirements a plot of ground extending to 122m² or thereby which

previously formed part of the rear garden ground associated with the property at 9 Dunnet Place, Kilmarnock; and (b) authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

14. **LAND AT SILVERWOOD ROAD AND MEADOWSIDE, CROOKEDHOLM (pages 66-68)** – Submit joint report dated 9 May 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services requesting the Committee (a) to declare surplus to requirements three areas of open land at Silverwood Road and Meadowside, Crookedholm, extending to 146m² (plot one), 167m² (plot 2) and 96m² (plot 3), respectively; and (b) to authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**