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

26 October 2005

Dear Councillor

HOUSING COMMITTEE - 2 NOVEMBER 2005

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Housing Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 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. BUDGETARY REPORTS

- 1.1 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6) (pages 1-3)** - Submit joint report dated 10 October 2005 (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 18 September 2005 (Period 6).



- 1.2 GENERAL FUND HOUSING TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6) (pages 4-5)** - Submit joint report dated 3 October 2005 (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 18 September 2005 (Period 6).



- 1.3 SUPPORTING PEOPLE ADMINISTRATION TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6) (pages 6-7)** - Submit joint report dated 3 October 2005 (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 18 September 2005 (Period 6).



- 1.4 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6) (pages 8-9)** - Submit joint report dated 3 October 2005 (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 18 September 2005 (Period 6).



- 1.5 BUILDING AND WORKS TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6) (pages 10-11)** - Submit joint report dated 17 October 2005 (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 18 September 2005 (Period 6).



- 2. AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 12-14)** - Submit report dated 11 October 2005 (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 15-18)** - Submit joint report dated 10 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advise 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.



4. **PROPOSED FABRIC REPAIRS AND THERMAL IMPROVEMENTS TO FLATS AT MacBETH DRIVE AND MacDONALD DRIVE, KILMARNOCK (pages 19-20)** - Submit report dated 11 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to seek approval to undertake a programme of repairs to address dampness and heat loss problems relating to cold bridging and penetrating dampness through the roofs and walls of the blocks of flats at MacBeth Drive and MacDonald Drive, Kilmarnock.

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5. **PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANT (pages 21-24)** - Submit report dated 11 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (i) to advise of the level of budget approved by Communities Scotland for Private Sector Housing Grant in 2005/2006, and of the outcome of the bid to carry forward funding unexpended in 2004/2005 in respect of Area Regeneration; and (ii) to seek approval to disburse funding on the basis of their offer.

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6. **EAST AYRSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT (pages 25-28)** - Submit report dated 10 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to inform of the current position regarding progress of the East Ayrshire Care and Repair Scheme which provides services to elderly and vulnerable home owners.

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7. **HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY UPDATE (pages 29-34)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (i) to advise of the funding awarded by the Scottish Executive for 2006/2007 to assist in the delivery of the Homelessness Task Force Recommendations; (ii) to obtain approval to submit a response to the Scottish Executive Consultation Paper on proposals to abolish priority need by 2012; and (iii) to recommend a change in the remit of one post within the Homelessness Service.

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8. **FORMER TENANT ARREARS (pages 35-36)** - Submit report dated 14 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to seek approval for writing off of those former tenant arrears which are no longer economically viable to pursue.

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9. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3, 2005: HOUSING AND BUILDING AND WORKS (pages 37-40)** - Submit report dated 12 October 2005 (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 30 September 2005.



10. **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".
11. **INTER AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP: INSTALLATION OF GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEMS WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE (PARA 9) (pages 41-43)** - Submit report dated 17 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to seek approval to engage with Glasgow City Council on a partnering arrangement with Building and Works to install gas central heating systems within East Ayrshire. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
12. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF GROUND ADJACENT TO 92 WELLWOOD STREET, MUIRKIRK (PARA 6) (pages 44-47)** - Submit joint report dated 13 October 2005 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 ground extending to 281m², or thereby, situated adjacent to 92 Wellwood Street, Muirkirk; and 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 AT THE REAR OF 22 BLAIR CRESCENT, GALSTON (PARA 6) (pages 48-51)** - Submit report dated 12 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to request that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of ground extending to 215m², or thereby, situated to the rear of 22 Blair Crescent, Galston; and authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
14. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND ADJOINING 32 MINNOCH ROAD, BELLSBANK, DALMELLINGTON (PARA 6) (pages 52-54)** - Submit report dated 24 August 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to request that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of ground extending to 6.6m², or thereby, situated adjoining 32 Minnoch Road, Bellsbank, Dalmellington; and authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**