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To: Councillors McIntyre (Chair), O'Neill, Young, Reeves, W Coffey, Reid, Cree, Weir, Macrae, Wilson, Provost Darnbrough and Councillors Knapp, Finlayson, McDill, Jackson, Kelly, Farrell, Menzies, Ross, Dinwoodie and Carmichael.

23 March 2006

Dear Councillor

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 30 MARCH 2006

You are requested to attend the meeting of the **Policy and Resources Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, on **THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2006** at **1100 HRS** or **immediately following the conclusion of the Corporate Governance Committee**, whichever is the later, to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton
Depute Chief Executive/
Executive Director of Corporate Support
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BUSINESS

INTIMATE APOLOGIES.

MINUTES

1. **SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES** - Submit for approval as a correct record and approval of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes, viz:-

- 1.1 **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 22 MARCH 2006 (pages 1-3)**



2. **BUDGET SCRUTINY GROUP** - Submit, for noting, the Minutes of the Budget Scrutiny Group meeting as follows, viz:-

- 2.1 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2006 (pages 4-6).**



FINANCE

3. **BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT - GENERAL FUND SERVICES** - Submit report dated 10 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance advising of the projected financial position for Revenue Services and the General Services Capital Programme based on information provided by Executive Directors.



4. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES) (pages 7-8)** - Submit report dated 6 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of Policy and Resources (Central Services).



5. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - POLICY AND RESOURCES (CORPORATE SUPPORT) (pages 9-11)** - Submit joint report dated 6 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Corporate Support advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the services within the remit of Policy and Resources (Corporate Support).



6. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 5 FEBRUARY 2006 (PERIOD 11) (pages 12-14)** - Submit joint report dated 23 February 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services advising of the current budgetary control position of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ending 5 February 2006 (Period 11).



7. **STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION AS AT 5 MARCH 2006 (PERIOD 12) (pages 15-16)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance updating Members on the position of the Council with regard to billing and collection of local taxes as at 5 March 2006 (Period 12).



8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL STRATEGY REPORT FOR 2006/2007 (pages 17-24)** - Submit report dated 13 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance seeking approval of the Committee of the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2006/07 and the Prudential Indicators in relation to treasury activity which are required to be set and approved by the Council in advance of the financial year.
9. **SUNDRY DEBTORS WRITE-OFF (pages 25-26)** - Submit report dated 13 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance seeking authority for the write-off of a number of sundry debts for which bills were raised prior to 31 December 2005 and which are now considered to be irrecoverable.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING

10. **COMMUNITY PLANNING IN EAST AYRSHIRE: FOUR YEARLY REVIEW (pages 27-30)** - Submit report dated 16 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive updating Members on the detailed review process for the planned review of the Community Plan and associated Thematic Action Plans.

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AFFILIATIONS AND GRANTS

11. **AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (pages 31-44)** - Submit report dated 3 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support inviting the Committee to consider the background, aims and objectives and activities of those organisations which have sought association with, and affiliation of, the Council.
12. **ETHNIC MINORITIES LAW CENTRE - GRANT APPLICATION (pages 45-46)** - Submit report dated 6 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services asking the Committee to consider a request for funding from the Ethnic Minorities Law Centre.

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13. **BELLSBANK WOMEN'S PROJECT - SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT - ANNUAL EVALUATION (pages 47-49)** - Submit report dated 6 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising the Committee of the outcome of the annual evaluation of Bellsbank Women's Project supported through a Service Level Agreement and to confirm funding arrangements for 2006/07.

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CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

14. **EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT STAGE 2 ICT BID (pages 50-55)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support advising the Committee of progress in respect of the Council's bid to Stage 2 of the Scottish Executive's Efficient Government Fund (EGF) for an ICT related project, and to seek approval to submit a detailed bid to the Scottish Executive on behalf of the four project partners.

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15. **2006/07 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME (pages 56-60)** - Submit report dated 8 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support submitting for Committee approval the Information Technology Capital Expenditure Programme for 2006/07.

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16. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2006/07 (pages 61-65)** - Submit report dated March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support presenting the Health and Safety Action Plan for the Department of Corporate Support for 2006/07, in response to Item 1 of the Corporate Health and Safety Action Plan 2006/07.

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CONSULTATION

17. **A NEW DEAL FOR WELFARE: EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO WORK: CONSULTATION RESPONSE (pages 66-74)** - Submit report dated 3 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising the Committee of Government proposals contained within the Welfare Reform Green Paper and seeking the approval of Committee for the proposed response to the consultation.

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18. **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF NHS PRESCRIPTION CHARGES AND EXEMPTION ARRANGEMENTS IN SCOTLAND (pages 75-81)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising the Committee of the options outlined in the consultation document and seeking the approval of Committee for the proposed response to the consultation.

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19. **INQUIRY INTO BOUNDARIES, VOTING AND REPRESENTATION IN SCOTLAND: THE ARBUTHNOTT COMMISSION (pages 82-89)** - Submit report by the Chief Executive (copy enclosed) informing the Committee of the conclusions and recommendations of The Arbuthnott Commission in respect of an Inquiry into Boundaries, Voting and Representation in Scotland and to identify any implications for East Ayrshire Council and its communities.



20. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - Recommend that the Committee pass the following Resolution:- “That under Section 50A(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 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.

PROPERTY

21. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WOODLEA COURT, CROSSHOUSE (pages 91-95)** - Submit report dated 13 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services seeking Committee approval to dispose of land at Woodlea Court, Crosshouse extending to 1.21 hectares (2.99 acres) or thereby, shown hatched and coloured black on the plan attached. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
22. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF UNITS 1-4 AND 9A AND B STATION ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MAUCLINE (pages 96-99)** - Submit report dated 8 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services seeking Committee approval to dispose of Units 1-4 and 9A and B Station Road Industrial Estate, Mauchline. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
23. **REGENERATION OPPORTUNITIES: KILMARNOCK AND CUMNOCK - ASSET MANAGEMENT - CORPORATE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION PROPOSALS (pages 100-110)** - Submit report dated 24 March 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services submitting proposals in connection with the establishment of a long term corporate office accommodation strategy and to seek Committee approval to proceed with the leases identified within this report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

