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

8 November 2005

Dear Councillor

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 15 NOVEMBER 2005

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 **TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2005** at **1000 HRS** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Morton
Depute Chief Executive/
Executive Director of Corporate Support
AMC/FM

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 2 NOVEMBER 2005 (pages 1-3)** (copy enclosed).



2. **BUDGET SCRUTINY GROUP** - Submit, for noting, the Minutes of the Budget Scrutiny Group meeting held on 1 November 2005 (copy to follow).

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FINANCE

3. **BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT - GENERAL FUND SERVICES (pages 4-9)** - Submit report dated 28 October 2005 (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.

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4. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES) (pages 10-11)** - Submit report dated 26 October 2005 (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).

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5. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - POLICY AND RESOURCES (CORPORATE SUPPORT) (pages 12-14)** - Submit joint report dated 26 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Corporate Support.

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6. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6) (pages 15-16)** - Submit joint report dated 28 October 2005 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 18 September 2005 (Period 6).

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7. **STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION AS AT 16 OCTOBER 2005 (PERIOD 7) (pages 17-18)** - Submit report dated 26 October 2005 (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 16 October 2005 (Period 7).

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8. **BUDGET REALIGNMENT - RENTAL INCOME - DISPOSALS (page 19)** - Submit report dated 25 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services asking the Committee to consider making an adjustment to the Rental Income budget of Development and Property Services for those properties which have been disposed of.

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CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

9. **DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SUPPORT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE - ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (QUARTER 3, 2005) (pages 20-22)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support advising of absence rates for the Department of Corporate Support including the Chief Executive's office for the quarterly period ending 30 September 2005.

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CONSULTATION

10. **CONNECTING TO THE SYSTEM: CONSULTATION ON PAYING FOR CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER AND SEWERAGE NETWORKS (pages 23-28)** - Submit report dated 12 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services advising the Committee and providing comments for approval and submission to the Scottish Executive on the contents of a consultation paper entitled "Connecting to the System: Consultation on Paying for Connections to the Water and Sewerage Networks", insofar as this relates to future development requirements.

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11. **EMERGENCY PLANNING - REVIEW OF THE BELLWIN SCHEME (pages 29-34)** - Submit report dated 17 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services advising on a Scottish Executive consultation paper entitled "Review of the Bellwin Scheme" and seeking authority to submit an appropriate response on behalf of the Council.

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12. **CONSULTATION ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT PERFORMANCE) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2005 (pages 35-42)** - Submit report dated 31 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing an update on the Scottish Executive's progress in finalising regulations with respect to Section 13 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 on requirements for public performance reporting under Best Value and seeking approval of a Council response to the Executive's latest consultation paper on the draft Regulations.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING

13. **EAST AYRSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY 2005-2008 (pages 43-59)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the East Ayrshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2005-2008.

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14. **PROPOSED SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME (pages 60-62)** - Submit report dated 3 November 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support presenting for consideration options for establishing a Shopmobility Scheme in Kilmarnock Town Centre.

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15. **CORPORATE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY - UPDATE (pages 63-71)** - Submit report dated 1 November 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support appraising the Committee of the progress made towards the implementation of the Council's Corporate Procurement Strategy and a forthcoming anticipated procurement development potentially effecting the future development of the Strategy.

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CHILDREN'S PANEL

16. **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN'S PANEL: PROPOSED CREATION OF SECOND DEPUTE PANEL CHAIR POST (pages 72-74)** - Submit report dated 4 November 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support submitting for consideration a request to meet any additional costs associated with the creation of second Depute Panel Chair position for East Ayrshire Children's Panel.

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17. **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 the paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item".

CHILDREN'S PANEL

18. **PANEL OF SAFEGUARDERS (PARA 6) (pages 75-78)** - Submit report dated 27 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support requesting the Committee to consider the appointment of two further Safeguarders to the Council's Panel of Safeguarders in the light of an examination of the operation of the Panel. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

PROPERTY

19. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF 30/32 DUNDONALD ROAD KILMARNOCK (PARA 9) (pages 79-82)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Solicitor to the Council advising of the outcome of the recent marketing of 30-32 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock as shown on the plan attached to the report and seeking authority to dispose of the subjects to the

party detailed in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

20. **ASSET MANAGEMENT AND REGENERATION OPPORTUNITIES - CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE (PARA 9) (pages 83-90)** - Submit report dated 1 November 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services providing an interim report to the Policy and Resources Committee on various developments in relation to Cumnock Town Centre regeneration proposals and seeking approval for an initial investigation of potential developer interest. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**