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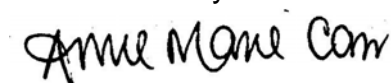
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Dear Councillor

SPECIAL SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 18 APRIL 2007

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the **Social Work Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2007** at **0900 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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B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **SOCIAL WORK APPROVED RATES AND CHARGES 2007-2008 (pages 1-4)** - Submit report dated 10 April 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) advising of the progress in negotiations between CoSLA and Independent Care Home providers in respect of fees for 2007/2008 and (ii) seeking approval for alterations to approved rates and charges for social work services for financial year 2007/2008.



2. **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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 & 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.

3. **STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES () (pages 5-33)** - Submit joint report dated 10 April 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) reporting back on the full implications of the 21st Century Social Work Review “Changing Lives”; (ii) making recommendations on a number of changes which will best position Social Work Services to further develop and successfully meet current and emerging challenges; (iii) to strengthen our arrangements for driving forward our Community Plan Action Plan responsibilities through developing stronger links and partnership arrangements; (iv) seeking approval on revised operational and management arrangements within the Social Work Service and across the Department of Educational and Social Services; and (v) seeking approval for amendments to the Social Work structure within the Department of Educational and Social Services to enhance service development. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**