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To: Councillors Jackson (Chair), Murray, O'Neill, Young, Reid, Cree, Weir, McIntyre, Macrae, Wilson, Linton, Knapp, Raymond, Finlayson, McDill, Kelly, Farrell, Menzies, N McGhee, Crawford and Stewart.

20 January 2005

Dear Councillor

**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 27 JANUARY 2005**

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Social Work Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2005 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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**B U S I N E S S**

**INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

1. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK TO 12 DECEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 9) (pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 13 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance advising Members of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 12 December 2004 (Period 9).

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2. **SOCIAL WORK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06 (pages 5-7)** - Submit report dated 10 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services briefing Members on proposals for expenditure in the Capital Programme for 2005/06 and seeking approval to progress with the programme.

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3. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT GILLIESKNOWE, DALMELLINGTON** - Submit report dated 7 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to declare surplus to requirements ground and buildings at Gilliesknowe, Dalmellington, as identified on the attached plan and to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to market the subjects in accordance with Council procedures.

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4. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 3 - 2004 (pages 8-12)** - Submit report dated 7 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of staff absence rates for Social Services, including Resource Support, for the quarterly period ending 30 September 2004.

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5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2005/2006 (pages 13-24)** - Submit report dated 7 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating the Committee on progress made in achieving the 2004/05 Health and Safety Action Plan and seeking approval for the 2005/06 Action Plan for Social Work Services.

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6. **REFURBISHMENT OF ROSS COURT, GALSTON (pages 25-26)** - Submit report dated 7 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating the Committee on the progress of the Best Value Service Review of Older Peoples Residential Homes operated by the Council, in particular, Ross Court, Galston.

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7. **OLDER PEOPLES CONFERENCE 2004 (pages 27-30)** - Submit report dated 6 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the 2004 East Ayrshire Older Peoples Conference.

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8. **DIRECT PAYMENTS (pages 31-33)** - Submit report dated 5 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating the Committee on the implementation of Direct Payments in East

Ayrshire and seeking approval for an uplift in the hourly payment rate for Direct Payments.

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9. **MONEY ADVICE PROVISION (pages 34-37)** - Submit report dated 7 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) advising Members of new monies that have been made available to the Council by the Scottish Executive to enhance partnership working with the voluntary sector for the provision of Money Advice Services; and (ii) seeking approval to negotiate an extension to the existing service level agreement for the provision of additional Anti Poverty Services with the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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10. **THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (pages 38-41)** - Submit joint report dated 6 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Directors of Neighbourhood Services and of Educational and Social Services advising of future funding arrangements in respect of the Supporting People Programme and seeking approval for changes in the roles and remits of the commissioning and purchasing and core co-ordination groups.

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11. **DRAFT GUIDANCE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTABILITY IN RELATION TO THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2004 (pages 42-50)** - Submit report dated 23 December 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the draft response submitted to the Scottish Executive in terms of draft guidance issued in relation to Local Authority accountability as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2004.

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12. **SCOTLAND'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLAN (pages 51-53)** - Submit report dated 5 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising on the report of the Scottish Executive "Scotland's Criminal Justice Plan" and of the continued progress of the Ayrshire Criminal Justice Partnership in addressing the issues arising from the consultation on offending and the proposal for a single agency. A copy of the report is available at the Members' Information Point.

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13. **SOCIAL WORK SERVICES (pages 54-55)** - Submit report dated 23 December 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the continuing success of East Ayrshire Council employees in gaining the Diploma in Social Work.

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14. **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS UPDATE (PAGES 56-63)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of changes in the arrangements for children with additional support needs and seeking approval for a reconfiguration of services to meet these changes.

