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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.

19 January 2006

Dear Councillor

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 26 JANUARY 2006

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Social Work Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2006** at **1000 HRS**, 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 11 DECEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 9) (pages 1-5)** - Submit joint report dated 11 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of the current budgetary position and projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 11 December 2005 (Period 9).



2. **THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (pages 6-9)** - Submit joint report dated 20 December 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the operation of this national initiative in East Ayrshire Council.

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3. **QUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR CHILD PROTECTION (pages 10-13)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the development of a national document describing a process of self evaluation in the area of child protection.

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4. **STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2005 (pages 14-16)** - Submit report dated 19 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the publication of a Standards and Quality Report covering the provision of Social Work Services for 2005.

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5. **CHILD PROTECTION REFORM PROGRAMME UPDATE (pages 17-19)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating the Committee on progress in the Child Protection Reform Programme.

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6. **PROPOSED SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY - INSPECTIONS OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES (pages 20-21)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing Social Work Committee of the proposals for the inspection of Learning Disability Services and Criminal Justice Services.

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7. **INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE AT HOME CONTRACTS (pages 22-24)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of the current position in relation to contracts with external providers for Care at Home Services and seeking approval for an extension of existing arrangements within the context of the Council's Standing Orders.

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8. **STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: 2004-2005 AUDIT SCOTLAND PROFILE (pages 25-31)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to advise Members of the Council's performance in comparison with other Councils as detailed in the Audit Scotland Profiles for Adult Social Work and Children's Services (Social Work) published (web publication) 8 December 2005.



9. **CONSULTATION PAPER - REGULATION OF ADULT PLACEMENT SERVICES BY THE CARE COMMISSION (pages 32-40)** - Submit report dated 19 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking endorsement of an East Ayrshire response to a Scottish Executive Consultation on the Regulation of Adult Placement Services by the Care Commission.



10. **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 2003 (NOTICE OF RELEASE OR TRANSFER) (SCOTLAND) REGULATION 2006 (pages 41-43)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services referring to the Scottish Executive issue of a Consultation document regarding the above Act which addresses the responsibility of Prison Governors and Chief Executives of Health Services as regards the release or transfer of sex offenders who are in prison or in hospital.



11. **OUTCOMES FOR SEX OFFENDERS' AUDIT - EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (pages 44-46)** - Submit report dated 19 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising the Committee of the analysis of information from the audit on sex offenders conducted by East Ayrshire Council staff in conjunction with Strathclyde Police Offender Assessment Unit in August 2005.



12. **SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT: INSPECTION INTO THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN EILEAN SIAR (pages 47-53)** - Submit report dated 10 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) providing further information in relation to the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) report on the care and protection of children in Eilean Siar; (ii) detailing the position in East Ayrshire in relation to the report recommendations; and (iii) highlighting the main areas of work that need to be completed in 2006 to satisfy all the recommendations.



13. **AWARDING OF CONTRACT (pages 54-55)** - Submit report dated 16 January 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of a tender which has been accepted. The amount shown is the actual cost of the contract and is exclusive of professional fees.

