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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.

11 March 2004

Dear Councillor

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 18 MARCH 2004

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Social Work Committee** which will be held on **THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2004** at **1000 HOURS** in **THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/
Director of Corporate Resources
MJA/FM

B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES.

1. **BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT - SOCIAL WORK TO 8 FEBRUARY 2004 (PERIOD 11) (pages 1-5)** - Submit joint report dated 1 March (copy enclosed) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services on the current budgetary position and the projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 8 February 2004 (Period 11).

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2. **SOCIAL WORK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2004-05 (pages 6-8)** - Submit report dated 5 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on proposals for expenditure in the Capital Programme for 2004-05 and seeking approval to progress with the Programme.

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3. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 4 2003 (pages 9-12)** - Submit report dated 3 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on staff absence rates for Social Services, including resource support, and support to communities, for the quarterly period ending 31 December 2003.

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4. **PROGRESS WITH COMPLEXITY - CHIEF SOCIAL WORK INSPECTOR'S 3RD ANNUAL REPORT (pages 13-15)** - Submit report dated 5 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the content of the "Progress with Complexity" report, with particular reference to the reported performance of East Ayrshire Council Social Work Services.

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5. **DELAYED HOSPITAL DISCHARGES (pages 16-20)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress made in addressing delays in hospital discharge for residents of East Ayrshire.

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6. **DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILD PROTECTION - PROGRESS REPORT (pages 21-23)** - Submit report dated 8 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on developments in Child Protection, including progress with the Scottish Executive-led Child Protection Reform Programme.

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7. **DEVELOPMENTS IN THE APPROACH TO QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT WITHIN EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES (pages 24-26)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on developments towards a common approach to quality assurance and performance management within the Department of Educational and Social Services.

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8. **SOCIAL WORK CHARGES - 2004-05 (pages 27-31)** - Submit report dated 1 March 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on proposed alterations to charges for Social Work Services for the financial year 2004-05.

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9. LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS -

9.1 PROGRESS REPORT (pages 32-36) - Submit report dated 23 February 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on information regarding an evaluation of the first year of Learning Partnerships.



9.2 SUPPORT ASSISTANCE (pages 37-39) - Submit report dated 24 February 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the proposed appointment of a Support Assistant to each Learning Partnership and seeking approval for recommendations regarding this development.



10. YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES (pages 40-42) - Submit report dated 25 February 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on additional funds being made available to further develop Youth Justice Services in East Ayrshire and seeking approval for the action intended.



11. AUDIT SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT: “COMPARING THE PERFORMANCE OF SCOTTISH COUNCILS’ SOCIAL WORK SERVICES 2002-03” (pages 43-47) - Submit report dated 24 February 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the Council’s performance in 2002-03 against Social Work Statutory Performance Indicators audited by the Accounts Commission.

