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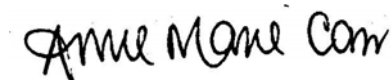
15 March 2007

Dear Councillor

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 22 MARCH 2007

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Social Work Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2007** 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 4 FEBRUARY 2007 (PERIOD 11) (pages 1-6)** - Submit joint report dated 28 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 4 February 2007 (Period 11).



- 2. ABSENCE MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 3 AND 4, 2006 (pages 7-12)** - Submit report dated 2 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of staff absence rates for Social Work Services, including Resource Support (Social Work) for the quarterly

periods 1 July 2006 ending 30 September 2006 and 1 October 2006 ending 31 December 2006.

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3. **BUDGET PROPOSALS (pages 13-15)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval on the budget proposals contained in the report following the Council's Budget Settlement for 2007/2008.

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4. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (pages 16-17)** - Submit report dated 26 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services providing information about additional resources which were received into the Council on a non recurring basis for Children's Services.

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5. **LINK CARERS SCHEME (pages 18-21)** - Submit report dated 5 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) providing details of the outcome of the review of East Ayrshire Council Link Carers arrangements, and (ii) advising of interim proposals for revising existing payments and the financial implications of these proposals.

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6. **SOCIAL WORK APPROVED RATES AND CHARGES – 2007/2008 (pages 22-30)** – Submit report dated 1 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking Committee approval for alterations to approved rates and charges to Social Work Services for financial year 2007/2008.

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7. **STRATEGIC SELF ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE AND EFQM– PROGRESS REPORT (pages 31-34)** – Submit report dated 5 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating on progress made by the Social Work Service in addressing areas for improvement identified during the Strategic Self Assessment of performance and the outcomes of the recent round of EFQM assessments.

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8. **“LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER” (pages 35-45)** – Submit report dated 15 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing Members of the contents of the National report “Looked After Children and Young People: We Can and Must Do Better” and seeking approval of an action plan to address the main issues identified in this document.

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9. **YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES (pages 46-49)** – Submit report dated 5 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) advising of the progress in relation to the co-location of Youth Services within the Social Work Services and (ii) advising of the performance of Easy Ayrshire Youth Services in relation to the National Performance data within the quarterly Youth Justice reporting Framework.

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10. **MULTI-AGENCY INSPECTION OF LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES (page 50-53)** – Submit report dated 7 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the Multi-Agency Inspection of Learning Disability Services.

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11. **CARE HOMES – CONTINGENCY PLANNING (pages 54-58)** – Submit report dated 5 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the arrangements which have been developed around a structured approach to contingency planning in the event of an emergency necessitating the evacuation of a care home in East Ayrshire.

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12. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2007/08 (pages 59-65)** – Submit report dated 14 January 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising Committee of progress made in the 2006/2007 Health and Safety Action Plan and seeking approval for the 2007/2008 Action Plan.

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13. **THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (pages 66-71)** - Submit joint report dated 21 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the continuing changes to the Supporting People Programme and the numbers of service users that benefit from Supporting People Funding.

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14. **STEWARTON SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, 24 HIGH STREET, STEWARTON (pages 72-73)** - Submit report dated 5 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the property at 24 High Street, Stewarton and to make recommendations accordingly.

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15. **A GUIDE TO EVALUATING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE USING QUALITY INDICATORS (pages 74-76)** – Submit report

dated 27 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of approaches to evaluating services for children and young people presently in place and planned for the future in East Ayrshire.



16. **ADULT RESIDENTIAL UNITS (pages 77-78)** – Submit report dated 23 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for proposals to amend the staffing structure within the two East Ayrshire Residential Units for adults with learning disabilities; Carrick View, Auchinleck and Kerrmuir, Hulford.



17. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 79-82)** – Submit report dated 27 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders that have been accepted.



18. **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 paragraphs 1 and 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.

19. **COMMUNITY NETWORKS DAY SERVICES (pages 83-91)** – Submit report dated 26 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) advising of the content and recommendations of a review of East Ayrshire Day Services for adults with a learning disability – known as Community Networks, and (ii) seeking agreement for implementation of an action plan to address the recommendations of the review. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

20. **CHANGING CHILDREN’S SERVICES FUND (pages 92-93)** – Submit report dated 23 February 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for amendments to the staffing structure within the Social Work Service. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

21. **SUPERVISED ATTENDANCE ORDER SCHEME (pages 94-96)** – Submit report dated 2 March 2007 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) advising of the Scottish Executive’s decision to “roll out” the Supervised Attendance Order Scheme across all Courts in Scotland and (ii) seeking approval for amendments to the Social Work Services staffing structure to support the national roll out of this initiative. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**