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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.

12 May 2006

Dear Councillor

### **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 18 MAY 2006**

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Social Work Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 18 MAY 2006**, 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. **SOCIAL WORK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07 (pages 1-4)** - Submit report dated 27 April 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services briefing Members of the Committee on proposals for expenditure in the Capital Programme for 2006/07 and seeking approval to progress with the programme.

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2. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 4, 2005 AND QUARTER 1, 2006 (pages 5-9)** - Submit report dated 6 May 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising the Committee of staff absence rates for Social Work Services, including Resource Support (Social Work) for the quarterly periods 1 October 2005 ending 31 December 2005 and 1 January 2006 ending 31 March 2006.

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3. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2006/07 (pages 10-16)** - Submit report dated 27 April 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking Committee approval for the 2006/07 Health and Safety Action Plan for Social Work.



4. **THE FUTURE CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND (Pages 17-23)** - Submit report dated 9 May 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the publication by the Scottish Executive on 3 May 2006 of the second and final report from the Range and Capacity Review Group - "The Care of Older People in Scotland".



5. **SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY AND MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND: FOLLOW UP INSPECTION OF SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL AND NHS BORDERS "NO FEARS AS LONG AS WE WORK TOGETHER" (pages 24-32)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) providing Members with further information in relation to the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) and Mental Welfare Commission report of the follow up inspection of Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders; (ii) detailing the position in East Ayrshire in relation to the report recommendations; and (iii) highlighting the main areas of work being undertaken in East Ayrshire to satisfy the recommendations.



6. **STRENGTHENING, MOVING AND HANDLING TRAINING (pages 33-35)** - Submit report dated 27 April 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for proposals to strengthen arrangements which will support frontline staff in the delivery of direct care to vulnerable people in the community.



7. **DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY CARE INFRASTRUCTURE (pages 36-39)** - Submit report dated 27 April 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) seeking Committee approval for further development of the Community Care infrastructure in East Ayrshire to meet the changing needs of vulnerable people in our communities; and (ii) proposing a range of measures to strengthen frontline services to ensure they are being delivered in a safe, effective and efficient manner.



8. **SEX OFFENDERS' AUDIT - OUTCOME OF STRATHCLYDE POLICE SEX OFFENDERS' AUDIT AND REVIEW (pages 40-42)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) advising of the outcome of the Sex Offenders' Audit carried

out by Strathclyde Police with reference to Strathclyde "U" Division (within East Ayrshire); and (ii) updating Committee on the progress and development of audit findings detailed in the report to Social Work committee on 26 January 2006.

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9. **REPORT ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE ADOPTION BILL (pages 43-45)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services updating Members on the Analysis of the consultation paper "Secure and Safe Homes for our Most Vulnerable Children" and how the recommendations will impact upon East Ayrshire Council.

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10. **OUTWITH PLACEMENTS (pages 46-50)** - Submit report dated 11 May 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services providing Elected Members with a summary of the Department of Educational and Social Services use of outwith placements up to 31 March 2006 and seeking approval for a method of management of these placements. The report is not intended to consider the specific cases of secure placements made in relation to the Children's Hearing and Criminal Justice System, nor the cases of children educated outwith the Authority as a result of foster care arrangements. Both of these are administered under different arrangements.

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11. **DRAFT NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES (pages 51-62)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing Committee of the recent consultation by the Scottish Executive on proposed quality standards for substance misuse services during the Scottish Executive review of drug treatment and rehabilitation services in 2003, the lack of agreed quality standards in substance misuse services emerged as a major issue.

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12. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (Pages 63-65)** - Submit report dated 5 May 2006 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted. The amounts shown are the actual cost of the contracts and are exclusive of professional fees.

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