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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.

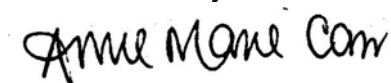
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Dear Councillor

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 3 NOVEMBER 2005

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Social Work Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 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 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6) (pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 11 October 2005 (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 projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 18 September 2005 (Period 6).



- 2.. ABSENCE MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 2 2005 AND QUARTER 3 2005 (pages 5-9)** - Submit report dated 12 October 2005 (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 April 2005 - 30 June 2005 and 1 July 2005 - 30 September 2005.

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3. **INFORMATION-SHARING PROTOCOL (pages 10-28)** - Submit report dated 6 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a joint information-sharing protocol between NHS Ayrshire & Arran, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Councils.

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4. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION ARRANGEMENTS (pages 29-32)** - Submit report dated 18 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a dispute resolution for matters related to children and young people with additional support needs.

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5. **RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLANS (pages 33-37)** - Submit report dated 6 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing members of the Social Work Committee of progress in implementing the Race Equality Action Plan.

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6. **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT (pages 38-40)** - Submit report dated 11 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) informing the Committee of new resources from the Scottish Executive for the treatment of problematic alcohol and drug use and (ii) advising of tendering arrangements for both a new community based alcohol rehabilitation service and a new community based drugs rehabilitation service for Ayrshire.

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7. **BEST VALUE REVIEW OF AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL (pages 41-43)** - Submit report dated 24 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing the Committee of the recently completed Best Value Review of Ayrshire Council on Alcohol. A copy of the review is available in the Members' Information Point.

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8. **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE REPORT - THE FUTURE OF UNPAID CARE IN SCOTLAND (pages 44-49)** - Submit report dated 9 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising members of the outcome of a research project into the future of unpaid care in Scotland as published in the above report.

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9. **ORDINARY RESIDENCE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 - FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN RESPECT OF PLACED PERSONS (pages 50-55)** - Submit report dated 10 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) to advise the Committee of implications of "Ordinary Residence" for East Ayrshire; and (ii) seeking endorsement of an East Ayrshire response to a Scottish Executive consultation on Ordinary residence. The full consultation document is available in the Members' Information Point.

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10. **ENHANCEMENT OF OLDER PEOPLE SERVICES (pages 56-58)** - Submit report dated 6 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advising of proposals to develop the delivery of services to older people including Care at Home Services and Day Services.

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11. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORTED CARERS SERVICE (pages 59-61)** - Submit report dated 10 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing of a proposal to establish a supported service principally for young adults who are in transition from the care of this Authority to living independently in the community.

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12. **RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY CARE - EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTATIONS (pages 62-64)** - Submit report dated 11 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing Committee of additional one off allocation of monies from the Scottish Executive to Local Authorities to support improvements in the equipment and adaptations service.

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13. **REPORT ON SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT - AN INSPECTION INTO THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN EILEAN SIAR (pages 65-72)** - Submit report dated 26 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) informing of the publication of the Social Work Inspection Agency Report on the Care and Protection of Children in Eilean Siar. A copy of the report is available in the Members' Information Point; (ii) summarising the main findings and recommendations from the report; and (iii) providing the Committee within information regarding the initial response from Educational and Social Services within East Ayrshire to the Eilean Siar report.

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14. **ADULTS WITH INCAPACITY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000 "IMPROVING WITH EXPERIENCE" - EAST AYRSHIRE CONSULTATION RESPONSE (pages 73-83)** - Submit report dated 10 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the

Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking Social Work Committee endorsement of the East Ayrshire response to a Scottish Executive consultation on proposed changes to the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000.



15. **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN'S UNIT IN AUCHINLECK (pages 84-86)** - Submit report dated 24 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the development a new 6 bedded Children's Unit at Stoner Crescent/Hillside Crescent, Auchinleck.



16. **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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 5 of Schedule 7A of the Act".
17. **DEATH OF A LOOKED AFTER CHILD (pages 87-88)** - Submit report dated 10 October 2005 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services informing the Committee of the death of a Looked After Child in line with Scottish Executive guidance on these matters. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**