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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.

2 September 2004

Dear Councillor

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2004

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE** to be held on **THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2004** at **1000 HRS** in **THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Please note that a presentation will take place following the Social Work Committee on Option Appraisal: Older People's Services Redesign by representatives of Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board.

Yours sincerely



David Mitchell
Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support
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BUSINESS

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT - SOCIAL WORK TO 25 JULY 2004 (PERIOD 4) (pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 23 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance on the current budgetary position and projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 25 July 2004 (Period 4).



2. **AWARDING OF CONTRACT (pages 5-8)** - Submit report dated 20 July 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support providing, for information, details of a tender which has been accepted, the amount shown being the actual cost of the contract exclusive of professional fees.

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3. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 2, 2004 (pages 9-13)** - Submit report dated 19 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on staff absence rates for Social Services, including Resource Support, for the quarterly period ending 30 June 2004.

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4. **REVIEW OF SECTION 10 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (pages 14-16)** - Submit report dated 24 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the review of Section 10 funding arrangements.

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5. **BEST VALUE REVIEW FOR LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN (pages 17-23)** - Submit report dated 17 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the implications arising from the recommendations in the Best Value Review for Looked After and Accommodated Children.

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6. **REVIEW OF TRANSPORT PROVISION FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS (pages 24-26)** - Submit report dated 19 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the review of the transport provision for Community and Voluntary Groups.







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7. **STRENGTHENING FRONTLINE SERVICES (pages 27-30)** - Submit report dated 24 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on progress made in implementing the Strengthening Frontline Services report approved by Social Work Committee on 29 January 2004.

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8. **BEST VALUE REVIEW: THREE YEAR PROGRAMME (pages 31-33)** - Submit report dated 30 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking agreement to a programme of Best Value Reviews for the Department of Educational and Social Services to take place over the next three years.

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9. **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH CAREERS SCOTLAND (pages 34-39)**
- Submit report dated 17 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on a request from Careers Scotland to establish a Partnership Agreement with East Ayrshire Council in respect of young people who are or have been Looked After by this Authority.

10. **PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL HARM CONSULTATION (pages 40-44)** - Submit report dated 18 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the Scottish Executive consultation "Protecting Children from Sexual Harm" and the draft Bill, "Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill (Draft - 22 June 2004)".

11. **RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN (pages 45-49)** - Submit report dated 24 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on progress in implementing the Race Equality Action Plan.

12. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2004/05 (pages 50-58)** - Submit report dated 16 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the 2004/05 Departmental Health and Safety Action Plan for Social Work Services.

13. **IMPLEMENTATION OF MENTAL HEALTH (CARE AND TREATMENT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 (pages 59-68)** - Submit report dated 19 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking endorsement of the East Ayrshire Partnership Local Implementation Plan for the Act; providing progress in implementing new mental health legislation to be fully enacted in April 2005; and seeking approval for service developments required to support implementation.

14. **JOINT FUTURE (pages 69-121)** - Submit report dated 23 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on progress in implementing the Joint Future Agenda Policy Initiative; seeking endorsement of East Ayrshire Extended Joint Future Partnership Agreement 2004; and seeking endorsement of Local Improvement Targets for the Joint Future Agenda.

15. **CAPACITY PLANNING OF SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE (pages 122-136)** - Submit report dated 20 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services seeking endorsement of work in progress to plan future services for older people in East Ayrshire as detailed in the report commissioned by the Joint Future Partnership Group "Capacity

Planning of Services for Older People” and raising awareness of resulting resource implications for the Council.



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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.

17. **BEST VALUE REVIEW OF COMMUNITY MEALS (pages 137-141)** - Submit report dated 18 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the implications arising from the recommendations in the Best Value Review for community meals. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

18. **SURPLUS PROPERTY – LAND AT AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON (pages 142-144)** – Submit report dated 30 August 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of land extending to 82 sq ms (883 sq ft) or thereby at Ayr Road, Dalmellington, and to authorise disposal of same to the party identified in the report. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**