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To: Councillors Menzies (Chair), Jackson, Smith, Kelly, N McGhee, Crawford, Ross and Carmichael; and Community Representatives: Mr James Brown, Mr James Hastie, Mr William Lees, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr John Brady, Mrs Margaret Whitelaw, Mr John McBean, Mrs Margaret Campbell, Miss Elaine McIlvenney and Ms Hazel McCurdie; and Substitute Community Representatives: Mr Allan McKay, Mr James Liddel, Mrs Anne Bell, Mr Alex McCall, Mr Ian Scade and Miss Jennifer Docherty.

19 January 2004

Dear Councillor/Community Representative

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29 JANUARY 2004**

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Cumnock Area Local Committee** to be held in **AUCHINLECK COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK**, on **THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2004** commencing at **1400 HOURS**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Lees  
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

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**BUSINESS**

**INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

- 1. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION** - Recommend that the Committee agree to adjourn the meeting to allow a 15 minute (maximum) public question and answer session.

## HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

2. **RENT SETTING POLICY** - Receive presentation by Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager, Department of Homes and Technical Services, to consult on East Ayrshire Council's proposed Rent Setting Policy.

## MINUTES

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (pages 1-6)** - Submit Minutes (copy enclosed) of the meeting held on 6 November 2003, for noting.

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## LOCAL ISSUES

- 4.1 **LOCAL ISSUES (pages 7-9)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing information on local issues raised and, where applicable, the timescales for reporting back to the Local Committee.

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- 4.2 **NEW LOCAL ISSUES** - Community Representatives are invited to raise any local items of interest for inclusion on a future Agenda.

## DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

5. **ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: LOCAL COMMITTEE OPEN DAY (pages 10-23)** - Submit report dated 7 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Annual Seminar Working Party to advise of the outcome of the Local Committee Open Day held on 22 November 2003 and to identify issues arising for consideration.

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6. **RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2004/2005 (pages 24-26)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources inviting the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

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## COMMUNITY GRANTS

7. **CATRINE, SORN AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (pages 27-30)**  
- Submit report dated 13 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to invite the Committee to consider and determine how to proceed in respect of Community Grant funding awarded to Catrine, Sorn and District Local History Group, in the light of the time which has now passed since approval of the application.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

8. **POLICE REPORT (pages 31-32)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by Chief Inspector Brown, Strathclyde Police, advising of crime trends and Police activity within the local area over the recent period.

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9. **PROVISION OF DOG FOULING BINS (pages 33-34)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Community Services to advise of the provision of dog fouling bins within the local area.

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10. **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM (pages 35-39)** - Submit, for information, Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 3 December 2003 (copy enclosed).

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## CORPORATE RESOURCES

11. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002: DRAFT PUBLICATION SCHEME (pages 40-81)** - Submit report dated 15 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to (i) advise of the introduction of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; (ii) advise on the Council's responsibility for producing a Publication Scheme under the terms of the Act; and (iii) invite suggestions for information to be included in the Council's Publication Scheme.

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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

12. **2004/2005 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (pages 82-87)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (i) to advise of the 2004/2005 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee; and (ii) to seek the Committee’s approval of the “highly desirable” schemes for structural maintenance of footways or “desirable” options.



## EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

13. **INSPECTION OF STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN ST PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL (pages 88-90)** - Submit report dated 2 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the outcome from the recent inspection of St Patrick’s Primary School, Auchinleck, by Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Education (HMIE).



14. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN (pages 91-93)** - Submit report dated 6 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the progress made in relation to the production of a Community Learning Plan for the Cumnock Area.

