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To: Councillors Ross (Chair), Young, D Coffey, Reid, L MacLean, McIntyre, Wilson, Linton, Knapp, Raymond, F MacLean, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Kelly, Farrell, Faulds, Provost Boyd and Councillors Taylor and Carmichael.

12 December 2001

Dear Councillor

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 18 DECEMBER 2001

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Development Services Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, on **TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2001** at **1000 HOURS**, to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY BILL WALKINSHAW

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

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B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. MONITORING REPORTS

- 1.1 BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEME STATUS REPORT (pages 1-4)** - Submit report dated 6 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on companies which have received financial support under the Council's Business, Grants and Loans Schemes.



- 1.2 UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE - OCTOBER 2001 (pages 5-9)** - Submit report dated 26 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on unemployment levels as at October 2001 for East Ayrshire and Scotland, and at September 2001 for Wards and Local Committee areas.



- 1.3 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 6) (pages 10-12)** - Submit joint report dated 9 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services advising of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year for the Development Services Department, for the period ended 23 September 2001 (Period 6).



- 2. WEST OF SCOTLAND ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE (pages 13-15)** - Submit report dated 6 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on the performance of the West of Scotland Archaeology Services (WOSAS) in the financial year 2000/01, and on the budgetary position in terms of the Code of Practice on Funding External Bodies, Following the Public Pound.



- 3. FLOOD PREVENTION (pages 16-20)** - Submit report dated 10 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for the publication of a report which is required under the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 as amended.



- 4. REMOVING THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF PRIME QUALITY AGRICULTURAL LAND FROM DEVELOPMENT (pages 21-26)** - Submit report dated 6 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on the Scottish Executive's Consultation Paper "Removing the Special Protection of Prime Quality Agricultural Land from Development".



- 5. COALFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE (pages 27-28)** - Submit report dated 27 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services supporting the creation of a Coalfield Environmental Initiative in partnership with SNH, RSPB, SWT and Opencast Coal Operators and to agree terms of reference.



6. **DEVELOPMENT ISSUES RELATING TO WEST OF SCOTLAND WATER (pages 29-31)** - Submit report dated 7 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services to raise awareness of recent difficulties with infrastructure provision which has implications for developments proposed in the Local Plan and to seek authority to raise the matter as appropriate.

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7. **MUIRKIRK AND NORTH LOWTHER UPLANDS POTENTIAL SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (pages 32-37)** - Submit report dated 7 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on a proposal by the Scottish Executive to classify the Muirkirk Uplands as part of a Special Protection Area (SPA).

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8. **CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY - NEW PROJECT, CUMNOCK (pages 38-39)** - Submit report dated 10 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the successful outcome of a bid led by Development Services to secure a new data processing centre for the Child Support Agency (CSA) in Cumnock as one of two new projects in Scotland.

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9. **EAST AYRSHIRE WOODLANDS (pages 40-66)** - Submit report dated 10 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for the East Ayrshire Woodlands Strategy and Action Plan.

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10. **ROADSIDE ADVERTISING (ROADS) (pages 67-68)** - Submit report dated 3 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services recommending that the Council seek tenders for the installation of roadside advertising in East Ayrshire.

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11. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING (pages 69-77)** - Submit report dated 30 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on the outcome of the 2000/2001 Performance Management and Planning (PMP) Audit of the Council's Roads Contracts and Operations Section which was carried out by Audit Scotland on behalf of the Accounts Commission.

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12. **CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (pages 78-86)** - Submit report dated 3 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of (a) the capital allocations from the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund which are ring fenced for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Schemes; (b) to update the Committee on the studies being carried out to develop Safer Routes to School Initiatives in East Ayrshire; (c) set out recommended CWSS projects to be carried out in the current financial year and subsequent years; and (d) advise the Committee of a bid which has

been made to the Scottish Executive for additional funding to employ a temporary Child Pedestrian Training Scheme Co-ordinator.

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13. **WINTER MAINTENANCE REVIEW (pages 87-94)** - Submit report dated 3 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on the results of a customer questionnaire and improvements made in the Winter Maintenance Service, and seeking approval of the principles of a heavy snow response plan.

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14. **2002/2003 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (pages 95-121)** - Submit report dated 10 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval of the 2002/2003 programme of structural maintenance of roads and footways.

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15. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT BID 2002/2003 (pages 122-125)** - Submit report dated 13 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the outcome of this year's application to the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund in respect of the Kilmarnock Town Centre Action Plan.

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16. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 126-128)** - Submit report dated 5 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.

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17. **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 the appropriate paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act".

18. **FUNDING REQUEST - CATRINE PROJECT (PARAGRAPH 6) (pages 129-132)** - Submit report dated 11 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of a further development proposal in respect of a Catrine Project and seeking approval for East Ayrshire Council to give initial financial support to the project. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

19. **FUNDING REQUEST - PATNA PROJECT (PARAGRAPH 6) (pages 133-135)** - Submit report dated 10 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for a funding request from a Patna Project to expand their trading activities by acquiring a former textile manufacturing plant at Patna which would support 35 new jobs initially. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
20. **FUNDING REQUEST - AUCHINLECK COMPANY (PARAGRAPH 6) (pages 136-140)** - Submit report dated 11 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services to consider a funding request from an Auchinleck company in respect of a major expansion of the company, preserving 69 existing jobs and supporting 35 plus new jobs. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
21. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FACTORY UNITS AND LAND AT BARONY ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, AUCHINLECK (PARAGRAPH 9) (pages 141-143)** - Submit report dated 11 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services to request to declare surplus to requirements factory units 1, 2 and 3 together with adjoining land at Barony Road Industrial Estate, Auchinleck. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
22. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DSO TRADING SERVICES TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 6) (PARAGRAPH 6) (pages 144-145)** - Submit joint report dated 8 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Directors of Finance and of Development Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the project out-turn for the year for the Vehicle Maintenance DSO - Trading Services for the period ended 23 September 2001 (Period 6). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
23. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 6) (PARAGRAPH 6) (pages 146-148)** - Submit joint report dated 8 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Directors of Finance and of Development Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the project out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 23 September 2001 (Period 6). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**