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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 Councillor Carmichael.

6 March 2002

Dear Councillor

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH 2002**

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 **WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2002** at **1000 HOURS**, in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



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 LOAN SCHEME STATUS REPORT (pages 1-6)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on companies which have received financial support under the Council's Business, Grants and Loans Schemes in the period from 1 December 2001 to 31 March 2002.



- 1.2 UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE (pages 7-11)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on unemployment levels as at January 2002 for

East Ayrshire and Scotland, and at December 2001 for Wards and Local Committee areas.

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- 1.3 EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL PLAN 1999/2002 - REVIEW OF SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services reviewing the Council's business support and development activities, in the context of the Council Plan 1999/2002.

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- 1.4 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 4 (2001) (pages 12-15)** - Submit report dated 4 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of absence rates for the Department of Development Services for the quarterly period ended 31 December 2001.

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- 1.5 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 16 DECEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 9) (pages 16-18)** - Submit joint report dated 1 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Development Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Development Services Department, for the period ended 16 December 2001 (Period 9).

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- 1.6 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION AND BUILDING CONTROL 1 APRIL 2001 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2001 (pages 19-22)** - Submit report dated 20 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services presenting a statistical analysis of the Development Promotion and Building Control functions of the identified period.







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- 1.7 APPEAL DECISIONS 1 JANUARY 2001 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2001 (pages 23-27)** - Submit report dated 2 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services presenting an analysis of appeal decisions received from the Scottish Executive for the above period.

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- 1.8 MONITORING OF PUBLIC UTILITY REINSTATEMENTS (pages 28-29)** - Submit report dated 12 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the performance of Public Utilities in reinstating road openings.

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2. **FACILITIES AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY (pages 30-32)** - Submit report dated 25 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services updating on a review of facilities for the disabled at pedestrian crossing points within Kilmarnock Town Centre and to recommend a commitment to a programme of continuous upgrading of crossing points throughout East Ayrshire.  

3. **PARTNERSHIP BUDGETS** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services to seek Committee approval for grants to external bodies for 2002/03.  

4. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/03** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services recommending a capital programme 2002/03 for expenditure within the Committee's capital allocation.  

5. **STRATHCLYDE CONCESSIONARY FARES (pages 33-37)** - Submit report dated 6 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services to recommend that the Committee endorse the view taken by the Joint Committee which oversees the Strathclyde Concessionary Fares Scheme in relation to the introduction of free travel on buses from October.  

6. **RESTORING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (pages 38-42)** - Submit report dated 22 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (i) informing of the commissioning of the consultancy study through the Restoring Communities Programme to address the issue of derelict/vacant premises which hinder the regeneration of communities; and (ii) to seek approval for the establishment of a revolving fund for demolitions to support the Restoring Communities Programme.  

7. **GETTING INVOLVED IN PLANNING: CONSULTATION PAPER (pages 43-56)** - Submit report dated 25 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising on a consultation paper entitled "Getting Involved in Planning" which invites the views of the Council as to how people in Scotland can be more effectively involved in the Planning System.  

8. **DRAFT REVISION OF NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (pages 57-60)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the contents of the Consultative Draft Revision of NPPG 2: Economic Development: to outline how this new guidance complements the

recently revised Ayrshire Business Location Strategy and the main differences between this revised guidance and the previous guidance will also be highlighted.



9. **PARTNERSHIP ACTION FOR CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT (PACE INITIATIVE) (pages 61-63)** - Submit report dated 4 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the outcome of the review which was carried out by the Scottish Executive during 2001 of the PACE Initiative.



10. **AYRSHIRE FILM FOCUS (pages 64-67)** - Submit report dated 5 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval to provide financial support to the Ayrshire Film Focus Project, on the basis of an annual contribution of £1,500 for each of the financial years 2002/2003, 2003/2004 and 2004/2005.



11. **M77 PROGRESS UPDATE (pages 68-70)** - Submit report dated 25 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising on current progress on the M77 project.



12. **WESTRANS - PROPOSALS FOR CONSTITUTION AND FUNDING** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing the Committee of proposals for (a) making Westrans a more formal structure with a constitution; and (b) for the future funding of Westrans.



13. **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSULTATION** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the Scottish Executive (SE) "Reducing Destruction from Utilities Roadworks - Consultation Document", outlining the Roads and Transportation response and seeking approval for recommendations.



14. **THE SCOTTISH ROAD MAINTENANCE CONDITION SURVEY (pages 71-73)** - Submit report dated 22 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey being organised by the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS), and of the implications for the Council.



15. **COST RECOVERY SYSTEM FOR SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT (pages 74-77)** - Submit report dated 25 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the progress of the Operational

Case for speed camera locations within East Ayrshire for inclusion in the first phase of the roll-out of the programme of the joint scheme; and to request the Committee to agree to the Council's participation in the Scheme.



16. **DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING BADGE SCHEME (BLUE BADGE SCHEME)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the DTLR Review of the issues relating to the Blue Badge Parking Scheme for Disabled People; and to request the Committee to authorise the Director to respond to recommendations in the review as discussed in the report.



17. **EXTRA MAINTENANCE FUNDING** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of an additional allocation of funding by the Scottish Executive for repairs and maintenance on local roads and bridges in the Council area.



18. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 78-84)** - Submit report dated 25 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on details of tenders which have been accepted. The amounts shown are the actual costs of the contracts and are exclusive of professional fees.



19. **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 relevant Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as indicated in the preceding items".

20. **REPORT ON 6-38 JOHN FINNIE STREET, KILMARNOCK; 12-14 AND 24-26 STRAND STREET, KILMARNOCK AND 1-5 DUNLOP STREET, KILMARNOCK (PARA 6) (pages 85-89)** - Submit joint report dated 7 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Development Services informing of the current position in respect of the proposals at 6-38 John Finnie Street, 12-14 and 24-26 Strand Street and 1-5 Dunlop Street, Kilmarnock, for the redevelopment of the site, details of which were reported to the Development Services Committee on 23 May 2001. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclude of Press and Public paragraph above.**

21. **APPLICATION FOR LOAN AND GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM A DALMELLINGTON COMPANY (pages 90-92)** - Submit report dated 28 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services

seeking approval to make loan and grant funding available to support the development of a Dalmellington Company. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

22. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DSO TRADING SERVICES TO 16 DECEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 9) (PARA 6) (pages 93-94)** - Submit joint report dated 11 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and Director of Development Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Vehicle Maintenance DSO - Trading Services for the period ended 16 December 2001 (Period 9). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
  
23. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ROADS DLO - TRADING SERVICES TO 16 DECEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 9) (PARA 6) (pages 95-97)** - Submit joint report dated 11 February 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and Director of Development Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Roads DLO - Trading Services for the period ended 16 December 2001 (Period 9). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**