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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 Stewart and Carmichael.

21 August 2002

Dear Councillor

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 27 AUGUST 2002

You are requested to attend the Meeting of the **Development Services Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, on **TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 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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INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. MONITORING REPORTS

- 1.1 BUSINESS, GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEMES STATUS REPORT (pages 1-5)** - Submit report dated 9 August 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 May 2002 to 31 July 2002.

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- 1.2 UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE - JUNE 2002 (pages 6-10)** - Submit report dated 8 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on unemployment levels as at June 2002 for East Ayrshire and Scotland and also for East Ayrshire Wards and Local Committee Areas.

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- 1.3 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION AND BUILDING CONTROL** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services presenting a statistical analysis of the Development Promotion and Building Control functions for the identified period.

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- 1.4 APPEAL DECISIONS** - Submit report (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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- 2. WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) BILL (pages 11-19)** - Submit report dated 13 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services recommending that the Council support an amendment being submitted by CoSLA to the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Bill currently being scrutinised by the Transport and Environment Committee of the Scottish Parliament.

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- 3. THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (pages 20-23)** - Submit report dated 7 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (a) informing of the National Consultation Exercise being undertaken by the Department of Transport and the Scottish Executive regarding the future development of air transport in the United Kingdom; (b) outlining the key issues identified within the consultation document; (c) highlighting some of the specific issues that relate to Prestwick Airport; and (d) recommending a process for the preparation of an appropriate detailed response.

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- 4. REVIEW OF AREA TOURIST BOARDS** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services commenting on the present review of Area Tourist Boards being carried out by the Scottish Executive.

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- 5. AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC FORUM "A STRATEGY FOR AYRSHIRE" (pages 24-34)** - Submit report dated 8 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (a) informing (i) the work that has been undertaken to date through the Ayrshire Economic Forum regarding development of "A Strategy for Ayrshire"; and (ii) how the Ayrshire Economic Forum propose to

develop and deliver the Strategy; and (b) to seek approval for the respective Officers of East Ayrshire Council to continue to support the development and realisation of the Strategy.

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6. **REPORT OF LOCAL PLANNING INQUIRY INTO UNRESOLVED OBJECTIONS TO THE EAST AYRSHIRE OPENCAST COAL SUBJECT PLAN (pages 35-41)** - Submit report dated 26 July 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the conclusions and recommendations made by the Inquiry Reporter, following his consideration of unresolved objections to the East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan at the Local Plan Inquiry; to present the Council for consideration a Schedule of the Recommendations made by the Reporter; to seek approval for a Schedule of Modifications which it is recommended the Council makes to the Subject Plan in order to meet the Reporter's recommendations; and to seek adoption of a series of modified policies as a basis for the determination of all future opencast coal planning applications.

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Please note that Annexes 1-3 are separately bound and are enclosed with the papers.

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7. **PROVISION OF A MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA - M77 (pages 42-45)** - Submit report dated 26 July 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the current position regarding the provision of a motorway service area on the upgraded M77 between Kilmarnock and Glasgow, as contained in the East Ayrshire Local Plan Finalised Version with Modifications, the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan and the Finalised East Renfrewshire Local Plan.

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8. **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE PROPOSALS "BUSINESS GATEWAY" (pages 46-48)** - Submit report dated 12 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of proposals currently being promoted by the Scottish Executive for the extension of the Small Business Gateway to operate at the "Business Gateway".

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9. **REGENERATION STRATEGY FOR CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE (pages 49-52)** - Submit report dated 12 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval to commission an independent consultancy review into the regeneration and redevelopment opportunities in the area of the Cumnock Town Centre, including the Glaisnock Shopping Centre and surrounding sites.

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10. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AUDIT 2001/2002 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (pages 53-56)** - Submit report dated 7 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the outcome of the 2001/2002 Performance Management and Planning (PMP) Audit of the Council's Economic Development Division, which was carried out by PryceWaterhouseCoopers on behalf of the Accounts Commission.



11. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AUDIT FOLLOW-UP 2001/2002 - ROADS CONTRACTS AND OPERATIONS (pages 57-59)** - Submit report dated 7 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the outcome of the 2001/2002 Performance Management and Planning (PMP) Follow-up Audit for Roads Contracts and Operations.



12. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT FINANCE BID (pages 60-62)** - Submit report dated 14 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising that both a Full Bid and a Preparation Full Bid have been submitted to the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund Bid for funding to start in 2003/04.



13. **MAINTENANCE OF THE A76 AND A77 TRUNK ROADS WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the actions being taken by the Head of Roads and Transportation (i) to relay to the Scottish Executive the dissatisfaction of Elected Members with the current standard of maintenance on the Trunk Roads within East Ayrshire; to demand that the level of maintenance be improved; (iii) to request an explanation from the Scottish Executive for the apparently lower standard of the current maintenance regime to that previously implemented.



14. **A71 CENTRAL RESERVATION GUARD RAILS (pages 63-65)** - Submit report dated 12 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the situation regarding the lack of central reservation guard rails on the A71 dual carriageway; and recommending that the Committee authorises the Head of Roads and Transportation to raise the matter with the Scottish Executive, CoSLA and SCOTS.



15. **NATIONAL CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME FOR THE BLIND (pages 66-67)** - Submit report dated 12 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (i) seeking agreement to continue the operation of the Scottish National Concessionary Travel Scheme for Blind Persons in its current form without limit of time; and (ii) to request the Committee to support the extension of the Scheme to include travelling

companions of the blind and partly sighted subject to the extension being cost neutral to the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme.

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16. **THISTLE TRAVEL CARD - SCOTLAND (pages 68-70)** - Submit report dated 12 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (i) informing of the launch on 3 September 2002 of a new travel card, "Thistle Travel Card" and (ii) to advise that the Authority had been approached by an ENABLE representative to promote access to the relevant information leaflet.

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17. **KILMARNOCK "TOP OF THE TOWN" - CONSULTANCY REPORT** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (i) providing a summary of the Consultancy Report on the Development Programme for the Kilmarnock "Top of the Town" area; and (ii) to seek support for the broad development principles presented in the report.

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18. **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 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

19. **FUNDING REQUEST - ORGANISATION - CATRINE (pages 71-75)** - Submit report dated 13 August 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on a funding request from an organisation in Catrine, as part of a package for the expansion of the present facilities. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**