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To: Councillors Ross (Chair), McKay, O'Neill, J McGhee, Young, Reeves, D Coffey, Reid, McIntyre, Macrae, Linton, Campbell, Murray, Finlayson, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Kelly, Farrell, Dinwoodie and Carmichael.

20 August 2003

Dear Councillor

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 26 AUGUST 2003**

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 26 AUGUST 2003** 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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**BUSINESS**

**INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

**1. MONITORING REPORTS**

- 1.1 BUSINESS GRANTS AND LOANS: STATUS REPORT (pages 1-4) -**  
Submit report dated 11 August 2003 (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 2003 to 31 July 2003.

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- 1.2 UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE - JUNE 2003 (pages 5-9)** - Submit report dated 14 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services providing an update on unemployment levels as at May 2003 for East Ayrshire and Scotland, and for East Ayrshire Wards and Local Committee areas.
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- 1.3 ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 2 (2003) (pages 10-13)** - Submit report dated 4 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of absence rates for the Department of Development Services for the quarterly period ending 30 June 2003.
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- 1.4 STATISTICAL RETURNS TO THE ACCOUNTS COMMISSION (pages 14-18)** - Submit report dated 11 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the statistical returns made to the Accounts Commission on some aspects of the performance of particular services within the Department.
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- 1.5 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION AND BUILDING CONTROL (pages 19-24)** - Submit report dated 18 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services presenting a statistical analysis of the Development Promotion and Building Control functions over the identified periods.
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- 2. REVIEW OF SCHEME OF DELEGATION (pages 25-27)** - Submit report dated 31 July 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the outcome of a review of the Scheme of Delegation and recommend alterations that, if supported, will require to be presented to Council for approval.
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- 3. PROVISION OF MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA: M77 (pages 28-31)** - Submit report dated 30 July 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the findings of the Inquiry Reporter to the East Renfrewshire Local Plan relative to an objection lodged by East Ayrshire Council and to obtain the Committee's views on the modifications to the Plan proposed by East Renfrewshire Council as regards this issue.
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4. **POLLOK TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL (pages 32-34)** - Submit report dated 31 July 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services presenting the views of the Department on the development proposals for the regeneration of Pollok Town Centre submitted to Glasgow City Council under an outline planning application by Retail Property Holdings.



5. **NEWMILNS TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE: UPDATE (pages 35-41)** - Submit report dated 24 July 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services on the progress with the Newmilns Townscape Heritage Initiative (NTHI) and to obtain support and initial funding to prepare an application to the Lottery Fund for another Townscape Heritage Initiative in Newmilns.



6. **COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLANS AND PROJECTS 2003/2004 (pages 42-46)** - Submit report dated 23 July 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (a) informing of progress with the Community Environmental Improvement Action Plans and outline those projects to be implemented in 2003/2004 through the Planning and Building Control Division in conjunction with the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP); and (b) seeking approval for the Policy and Projects Section in conjunction with the relevant community groups, to implement a range of environmental improvement projects within the East Ayrshire Coalfield SIP Area.



7. **PROPOSED MONUMENT AT THE GALSTON ROUNDABOUT (pages 47-50)** - Submit report dated 11 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking the Committee's views on the proposal by the Rotary Club of Loudoun for a monument on the roundabout adjacent to Galston at the intersection of the A719 and A71. The report has been updated to incorporate further comments on the issue from the Rotary Club of Loudoun and Irvine Valley Joint Community Council's Group.



8. **QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMME: ADVISORY 20MPH SPEED LIMITS (TWENTY'S PLENTY) AND LOCAL TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEMES (pages 51-55)** - Submit report dated 11 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for Twenty's Plenty and local traffic calming schemes to be funded from the Quality of Life Programme for 2003/04.



9. **TARMAC JOHNSTONE SURFACING (pages 56-57)** - Submit report dated 6 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking the Committee's approval to enter into negotiations for a single tender contract with Tarmac Johnstone Material Services for the supply and laying of a preparatory surfacing material.

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10. **MONITORING OF PUBLIC UTILITY REINSTATEMENTS (pages 58-60)** - Submit report dated 26 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the performance of Public Utilities in reinstating road openings.

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11. **EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMITS AT B7036 BARONY ROAD AND PENNYLANDS ROAD, AUCHINLECK AND A70 SMALLBURN ROAD AND MANSE ROAD, MUIRKIRK (pages 61-69)** - Submit report dated 5 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for the extension of the existing 30mph speed limits at B7036 Barony Road, Auchinleck and introduction of a 30mph speed limit on Pennylands Road, Auchinleck, and for the A70 Smallburn Road and Manse Road, Muirkirk.

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12. **CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (pages 70-81)** - Submit report dated 11 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (a) updating on the studies being carried out to develop Safer Routes to school initiatives in East Ayrshire; and (b) setting out recommended cycling, walking and safer streets (CWSS) projects to be carried out in the current financial year and subsequent years.

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13. **WESTRANS - CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A CORE TEAM (pages 82-87)** - Submit report dated 11 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (a) seeking agreement to the establishment of a Core Team for the West of Scotland Transport Partnership (WESTRANS) as outlined in the report; and (b) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to enter into a supplementary Minute of Agreement on terms and conditions to be agreed and negotiated by the Constituent Authorities.

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14. **SCOTTISH AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE PROPOSALS AFFECTING AUCHINCUIVE CAMPUS, AYR (pages 88-90)** - Submit report dated 12 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of (a) proposals for the rationalisation of the teaching activities of the Scottish Agricultural College, involving the transfer of higher education degree level courses to Edinburgh; and (b) the response to the proposals and alternative proposals which are being advanced by the Auchincruive Working Group.

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15. **THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN UNION REGIONAL AID (pages 91-96)** - Submit report dated 29 July 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services informing of the UK Government's consultation exercise on "A Modern Regional Policy for the United Kingdom" and the response submitted within the consultation timescale.

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16. **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION - BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS IN SCOTLAND (pages 97-99)** - Submit report dated 11 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of consultation proposals issued by the Scottish Executive for the establishment in Scotland of Business Improvement Districts (BID's) and to seek the Committee's endorsement of a proposed response to the Scottish Executive.

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17. **2004 BRITISH OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT ROYAL TROON (pages 100-102)** - Submit report dated 12 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking authority of the Committee to participate in a significant opportunity for the promotion of Ayrshire in an international context, through involvement in a joint promotional event at the 2004 British Open Golf Championship.

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18. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 103-107)** - Submit report dated 14 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted. The amounts shown are actual costs of the contracts and are exclusive of professional fees.

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