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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.

18 June 2003

Dear Councillor

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 25 JUNE 2003

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the **Development Services Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2003** at **1000 HOURS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**, 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. **KILMARNOCK TOP OF THE TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS (pages 1-6)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services providing an update on the development proposals for the Top of the Town and to seek authorisation to proceed with public consultation on changes in traffic circulation associated with the proposed development and the necessary site investigations and land acquisitions to accommodate the widening of Garden Street through the use of appropriate powers under the Roads (Scotland) Act linked to the suggested changes in traffic circulation.



2. **PROPOSED STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (pages 7-9)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services recommending that the Council does not support the proposal by the Scottish Executive to establish a National Strategic Transport Authority (STA) if this would take over any of the current responsibilities of the SPT or Local Authorities.

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3. **PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO HEARINGS PROCEDURE (pages 10-13)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services recommending alterations to the Hearings Procedure utilised at Development Services and Local Planning Committees prior to determination for consideration of planning applications.

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4. **TOWARDS A STRATEGY FOR SCOTLAND'S BIODIVERSITY - CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS (pages 14-18)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the contents of consultation documents on Scotland's Biodiversity and their implications for the Council and to seek the Committee's views on the above provisional response by the Head of Planning and Building Control.

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5. **DRAFT NATURE CONSERVATION (SCOTLAND) BILL (pages 19-26)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services advising of the contents of the Draft Nature Conservation (Scotland) Bill, Draft Financial Guidelines and Regulatory Impact Assessment, and Technical Amendments to the Conservation (Natural Habitats Etc) Regulations 1994 issued in March 2003 by the Scottish Executive and to make recommendations as to how the Council should formally respond to the Scottish Executive.

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6. **CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE (pages 27-33)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services updating on the progress of the work being carried out in relation to the redevelopment proposals for Cumnock Town Centre and to seek approval to develop a range of options.

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7. **REVIEW OF AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN (pages 34-36)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services seeking to endorse the recent decision of the Structure Plan Joint Committee to prepare a replacement Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan.

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- 8. 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 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act”. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
- 9. FUNDING REQUEST - ORGANISATION - CATRINE (pages 37-39)** - Submit report dated 12 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services (a) updating on progress on the development of a project to realise a major expansion of existing facilities for the National Autistic Society at Daldorch House, Catrine, that will provide accommodation for 27 new students and create an estimated 130 new jobs; and (b) to seek approval for East Ayrshire Council to amend and transfer its previous offer of grant aid assistance for the project from the National Autistic Society to the developer Daldorch Estates Limited (DHL). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
- 10. UNIT 5A, BONNYTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MUNRO PLACE, KILMARNOCK (pages 40-41)** - Submit report dated 9 June 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Development Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the premises comprising the industrial unit and associated land at Unit 5A, Bonnyton Industrial Estate, Munro Place, Kilmarnock, for the purposes of a sale to the siting tenant, Detection Instruments (Northern) Limited. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**