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To: Councillors Farrell (Chair), McNeil, Young, Reeves, W Coffey, L MacLean, Weir, McIntyre, Linton, Walsh, Knapp, F MacLean, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Faulds, Provost Boyd and Councillors Ross and Dinwoodie; Church Representatives: John Paterson, John McHugh and Matthew Sullivan; Teacher Representative Iain Harvey and Parent Representative Alasdair MacQueen.

4 April 2002

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 11 APRIL 2002

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2002 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
AMC/SM

BUSINESS

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **MINUTES OF CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 1 MARCH 2002 (page 1)** - Submit Minutes (copy enclosed) of the Chair's Sub-Committee of the Education Committee held on 1 March 2002.



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO 10 FEBRUARY 2002 (PERIOD 11) (pages 2-5)** - Submit joint report dated 25 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 10 February 2002 (Period 11).

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3. **EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003 (pages 6-8)** - Submit report dated 22 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of proposals for expenditure in the Capital Programme for 2002/2003 and seeking approval to progress with the programme.

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4. **REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE (pages 9-12)** - Submit report dated 25 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for revised charges for accommodation use by community groups and informing of the proposed review of the letting policy which will consider affording priority to out-of-school care groups.

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5. **VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2002-2003 (pages 13-18)** - Submit report dated 15 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2002-2003.

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6. **PARTNERSHIP WITH KILMARNOCK FOOTBALL CLUB (pages 19-20)** - Submit report dated 21 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the partnership activity "Behind the Scenes" with Kilmarnock Football Club and seeking approval to continue the development of such links.

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7. **ONSITE SERVICES BUSINESS UNIT: EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING (Item 2, Page 652) (pages 21-24)** - Submit joint report dated 25 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources informing of the units reviewed for employees of Onsite Services Business Unit.

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8. **CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS (page 25)** - Submit report dated 28 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services proposing charges for school meals to be implemented from Monday 22 April 2002.

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9. **DEVELOPING LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS IN EAST AYRSHIRE (pages 26-30)** - Submit report dated 25 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of a proposal for a strengthened and enhanced role for cluster groups in the life of the education authority through the concept of "Learning Partnerships".

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10. **DRAFT GUIDANCE ON HOME EDUCATION (pages 31-34)** - Submit report dated 16 January 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of draft guidelines for Local Authorities on the circumstances in which parents may choose to educate their children at home and providing details of the provision within East Ayrshire.

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11. **ROLL OUT OF NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPROACH (pages 35-37)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the use of the monies available by the Scottish Executive for the financial year 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 to support the roll out of a New Community School approach across the Council area.

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12. **SCOTTISH COMMISSION FOR THE REGULATION OF CARE (pages 38-39)** - Submit report dated 8 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for arrangements to be put in place to meet the gap in services when the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care is established and to remit the staffing proposals contained within the report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee.


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13. **NATIONAL DEBATE ON EDUCATION (pages 40-41)** - Submit report dated 25 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the recently launched National Debate on Education and consider initiatives to promote the debate within East Ayrshire.


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- 14. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PE AND SPORT INITIATIVES (pages 42-44) -** Submit joint report dated 25 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and the Director of Community Services advising of the recently launched initiatives for PE and sport and to outline the implications for East Ayrshire.



- 15. SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2003/2004 (pages 45-50) -** Submit report dated 13 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the consultation exercise carried out regarding school holiday arrangements for school session 2003/2004 and seeking agreement to implement a preferred school holiday option.



- 16. ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD 2 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2001 (pages 51-54) -** Submit report dated 19 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of absence rates for the Department of Educational and Social Services (former Education employees) for the period 2 July to 31 December 2001.


- 17. WORKING TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN SERVICES - PROGRESS REPORT (pages 55-65) -** Submit report dated 25 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of progress in achieving the initial targets set for joint working within the Department of Educational and Social Services and proposing further targets on joint working for action by the Department in the next 12 months.


- 18. ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUNDING (pages 66-68) -** Submit report dated 22 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the Community Learning Partnership Award to Support to Communities to establish additional essential skills and services for people with literacy and numeracy difficulties and to establish a temporary, part-time Adult Literacy and Numeracy Monitoring Officer.


- 19. LOCAL RECOGNITION AND PROCEDURE AGREEMENT (pages 69-77) -** Submit report dated 23 December 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a Local Recognition and Procedure Agreement between the Authority and the teacher trade unions following guidance issued by the Scottish Negotiating Committee for Teachers (SNCT).



20. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 78-80)** - Submit report dated 25 March 2002 (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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21. **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”.
22. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES UNIT TO 10 FEBRUARY 2002 (PERIOD 11) (pages 81-84)** - Submit joint report dated 21 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Onsite Services Business Unit for the period ended 10 February 2002 (Period 11). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph.**
23. **DEVELOPMENT OF A CONTRACT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR ONSITE SERVICES (pages 85-86)** - Submit report dated 14 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for further investment in the Onsite Services Management Information System. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**