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To: Councillors Farrell (Chair), McNeil, Young, Reeves, W Coffey, L MacLean, Weir, McIntyre, Macrae, 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.

26 March 2003

Dear Member

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 1 APRIL 2003**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **TUESDAY 1 APRIL 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  
AMC/SM

**BUSINESS**

**INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

- 1. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 9 FEBRUARY 2003 (PERIOD 11) (pages 1-5)** - Submit joint report dated 17 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Education Services for the period ended 9 February 2003 (Period 11).

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2. **RACE RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000 (pages 6-23)** - Submit report dated 10 January 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for (i) the priority list of functions to be assessed as part of the Council's Race Equality Scheme; and (ii) the Education Statement on Racial Equality and Cultural Diversity.

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3. **REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE (Item 5, Page 2509, 99/03) (pages 24-27)** - Submit report dated 10 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to revise charges for accommodation used by Community Groups.

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4. **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Item 19.2, Page 1855, 99/03) (pages 28-34)** - Submit report dated 3 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the response by the Council to the Scottish Executive document, "Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities: Community Learning and Development Working Draft Guidance" and seeking agreement to change the name of the service known as Support to Communities, reflecting the recommendations of the report, to Community Learning and Development.

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5. **VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS (Item 7, Page 3038, 99/03) (pages 35-38)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for recommendations for awards in respect of final allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2002/2003.

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6. **CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS (Item 9, Page 2511, 99/03) (pages 39-40)** - Submit report dated 17 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to increase the charges for school meals.

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7. **CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS (Item 4, Page 1713, 99/03) (pages 41-42)** - Submit report dated 14 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the development of Classroom Assistants in Primary Schools and seeking approval for the establishment of Classroom Assistants in Secondary Schools.

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8. **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2004/2005 (Item 8, Page 3039, 99/03) (pages 43-48)** - Submit report dated 13 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of the Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the consultation exercise carried out regarding school holiday

arrangements for school sessions 2004/2005 and seeking agreement of the Committee to implement the preferred school holiday option.

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9. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2002 (Item 6, Page 2061, 99/03) (pages 49-52)** - Submit report dated 17 March 2003 (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 1 January to 31 December 2002.

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10. **“IT’S EVERYONE’S JOB TO MAKE SURE I’M ALL RIGHT” (pages 53-75)** - Submit report dated 7 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services (i) advising of the terms of the Scottish Executive Audit and Review of Child Protection; (ii) seeking authority to submit a response to the Scottish Executive; and (iii) seeking approval for a package of service developments to improve Child Protection Services in East Ayrshire.

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11. **NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PE AND SPORT INITIATIVE (Item 15, Page 2512, 99/03) (pages 76-79)** - Submit joint report dated 21 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and the Director of Community Services advising of the recent award of £974,553 from the New Opportunities for PE and Sport Activities Programme in Scotland and seeking the agreement of members to begin the implementation process of this programme.



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12. **ACTIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR PROGRAMME (pages 80-81)** - Submit report dated 14 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to continue with the Active Primary School Co-ordinator Programme.

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13. **ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY FOR SCHOOLS (pages 82-114)** - Submit report dated 12 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the new requirements on the Educational Service to produce an accessibility strategy for pupils with disabilities and seeking Committee approval for the attached Accessibility Strategy.

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14. **MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN EAST AYRSHIRE (pages 115-127)** - Submit report dated 12 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the key points which emerged in the recently published report on the inspection of the Education function of the Council and seeking agreement to the plan for action which results from a consideration of the recommendation for action within the inspection report.  

15. **EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Item 3, Page 3037, 99/03) (pages 128-130)** - Submit report dated 17 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of proposals for expenditure in the Capital Programme for 2003/04 and seeking approval to progress with the programme.  

16. **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”.
17. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ON-SITE SERVICES UNIT TO 9 FEBRUARY 2003 (PERIOD 11) (pages 131-135)** - Submit joint report dated 17 March 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the On-Site Services Business Unit for the period ended 9 February 2003 (Period 11). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**