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To: Councillors Farrell (Chair), McKay, O'Neill, Young, Reeves, D Coffey, W Coffey, McIntyre, Linton, Campbell, Darnbrough, Knapp, McDill, Jackson, Smith, Kelly, N McGhee, Ross, Dinwoodie, Stewart and Carmichael; Church Representatives: Rev John Taylor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

27 January 2004

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 4 FEBRUARY 2004

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2004** 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
SMcH/SM

Members are asked to note that immediately following the Education Committee, there will be a presentation for ALL MEMBERS by Kirsten Major, Director of Health Policy and Dr McLure, Consultant Paediatrician and Depute Medical Director on their Children's Acute Services Option Appraisal Consultation.

B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

- 1. NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION - PARENT REPRESENTATIVE (pages 1-2)** - Submit joint report dated 15 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the results of the election of a Parent Representative to sit as a member of the Education Committee.



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 16 NOVEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 8) (pages 3-6)** - Submit joint report dated 8 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and Director of Educational and Social Services advising Members of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Education Services for the period ended 16 November 2003 (Period 8).

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3. **POSITION STATEMENT ON BEST VALUE (pages 7-15)** - Submit report dated 22 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the progress made by the Department towards the implementation of Best Value.

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4. **NATIONAL PRIORITIES BASELINE REPORT (pages 16-18)** - Submit report dated 9 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the publication of the National Priorities Baseline Report for East Ayrshire.

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5. **GIRLS IN SPORT (pages 19-24)** - Submit report dated 7 February 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of developments to improve participation rates of girls in out-of-school hours school sport in East Ayrshire.

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6. **DESTINATION OF LEAVERS STATISTICS (pages 25-29)** - Submit report dated 19 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the destinations of leavers from East Ayrshire schools for 2002/03, as published in a recent National Statistical Bulletin.








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7. **RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION: ENSURING IMPROVEMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS (pages 30-39)** - Submit report dated 15 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a response to the Scottish Executive on the consultation and draft Bill entitled "Ensuring Improvement in our Schools".

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8. **PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2005/2006 (pages 40-44)** - Submit report dated 13 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to consult with educational establishments, School Boards, the Chambers of Commerce, Churches and the Teachers' Union on the proposals detailed within the report.

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9. **EDUCATION (ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING) (SCOTLAND) BILL (pages 45-60)** - Submit report dated 22 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the results of a consultation exercise on the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill.

10. **ENTERPRISE IN EDUCATION: HUNTER FOUNDATION SUPPORT (pages 61-64)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing of the support for developments in Enterprise in Education being provided by the Hunter Foundation.

11. **A TEACHING PROFESSION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY - PREMATURE EARLY RETIREMENT TO SUPPORT MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURING (pages 65-67)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking the approval of the Committee for a Premature Early Retirement Scheme which would support the further implementation of the Scottish Executive document "A Teaching Profession for the 21st Century".

12. **ACTION PLAN ON ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2004-2006 (pages 68-71)** - Submit report dated 14 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the production of the East Ayrshire Action Plan on Adult Literacy and Numeracy (2004-2006) and seeking endorsement of the Plan.

13. **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP: ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (pages 72-75)** - Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of progress made by the East Ayrshire Childcare Partnership in taking forward the aims of the Childcare Strategy.

14. **COMMISSIONING, CONTRACTING AND CONTRACT MONITORING FRAMEWORK (pages 76-77)** - Submit report dated 14 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the implementation of a Commissioning Framework for Educational Services.

15. **REVIEW OF WOMEN'S AID SERVICES IN EAST AYRSHIRE (pages 78-82)** - Submit report dated 14 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcomes of the review of the Womens Aid Services in East Ayrshire and seeking approval of the recommendations within the report.


16. **SCOTTISH HEALTHY CHOICES AWARD (pages 83-84)** - Submit report dated 4 February 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising that the Schools Catering Service achieved Commended Status in the 'Scottish Healthy Choices Award Scheme'.

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17. **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2002-2003 (pages 85-86)** - Submit report dated 9 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising Elected Members of the content of the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2002-2003 and of arrangements made for its public launch.

Please note that a copy of the Annual Report document is appended to the Agenda papers.

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18. **REPORT OF THE CALEB NESS INQUIRY - IMPLICATIONS FOR EAST AYRSHIRE (pages 87-102)** - Submit report dated 5 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing Members of the recommendations made about Child Protection practice detailed in the report of the Caleb Ness Inquiry and advising of the position in East Ayrshire in respect of each recommendation.

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19. **THE SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN (pages 103-105)** - Submit report dated 23 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the submission of the School Estate Management Plan to the Scottish Executive.

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20. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (pages 106-109)** - Submit report dated 19 January 2004 (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. **PPP: BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES - SCHOOL REFERRALS (Item 2, Page 2926, 99/03) (pages 110-111)** - Submit report dated 14 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the Scottish Executive's response to the referrals made to them for St Matthew's Primary, St Joseph's Academy (Cumnock Campus) and Park School as part of the Schools PPP project.

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22. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - Recommend that the Sub-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 the paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item".

- 23. PPP: BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES - REVISED BUSINESS CASE (Item 2, Page 2926, 99/03) (PARAS 8 AND 9) (pages 112-185) -** Submit report dated 14 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services updating on progress made in the PPP project and seeking approval for the submission of the Revised Outline Business Case (OBC) to the Scottish Executive. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
- 24. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ON-SITE SERVICES UNIT TO 16 NOVEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 8) (PARA 6) (pages 186-191) -** Submit joint report dated 14 January 2004 (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 16 November 2003 (Period 8). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**