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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.

22 May 2001

Dear Member

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 2001**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **TUESDAY 29 MAY 2001 at 1000 HOURS** in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY JULIE ARMSTRONG

Fiona Lees  
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources  
AMC/SM

**BUSINESS**

**INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

1. **NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - ANNUAL REPORT ( ) (pages 1-3) -**  
Submit report dated 3 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the second annual report on the New Community Schools Initiative for Kilmarnock.



2. **JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (TEACHERS) - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2001 (pages 4-6)** - Submit for approval as a correct record and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the Joint Consultative Committee (Teachers) of 27 March 2001 (copy enclosed).

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3. **AWARDING OF TENDERS (pages 7-8)** - Submit report dated 14 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted in respect of the Education Service.

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4. **EVALUATION OF GAELIC MEDIUM EDUCATION AT ONTHANK PRIMARY SCHOOL (pages 9-11)** - Submit report dated 19 April 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the conclusions and recommendations of an independent evaluation of Gaelic Medium Teaching in East Ayrshire Gaelic Classes at Onthank Primary School.

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5. **UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN EDUCATION (Item 14, Page 1243) (pages 12-14)** - Submit report dated 21 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the progress made by the Education Service in relation to the "Quality Management in Education" (QMIE) Initiative.

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6. **CONSULTATION WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (Item 13, Page 787) (pages 15-24)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a policy in consultation within the Education Service of East Ayrshire Council.

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7. **COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES (Item 13, Page 787) (pages 25-32)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a policy on communication within the Department of Educational and Social Services of East Ayrshire Council.

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8. **BYE-LAWS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN (Item 6, Page 3823) (pages 33-49)** - Submit report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a change in the Council's bye-laws on the employment of children.

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9. **NEWMILNS DRY SKI SLOPE (Item 13, Page 913) (pages 50-53)** - Submit report dated 19 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the feasibility study and consultation which is being undertaken with regard to Newmilns Dry Ski Slope and to consider the future of the slope.

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10. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF GROUND AT THE FORMER TECHNICAL BLOCK, KILMARNOCK ACADEMY (pages 55-55)** - Submit report dated 14 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services requesting that the Committee declares surplus to requirements an area of ground at Kilmarnock Academy, Elmbank Drive, Kilmarnock, and to authorise the Director of Development Services in conjunction with the Solicitor to the Council to agree the terms and condition of disposal of the ground to Clyde Building Group Ltd.

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11. **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2002/2003 (Item 15, Page 1540) (pages 56-61)** - Submit report dated 9 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the consultation exercise carried out regarding school holiday arrangements for school session 2002/2003 and seeking agreement to implement the preferred school holiday option.



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12. **FIFTH ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT (pages 62-65)** - Submit report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the success of the Fifth Annual Youth Conference which was held in Grange Academy on 11 April 2001 and advising the Education Committee of ongoing developments resulting from the conference.

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13. **NURSERY NURSE POSTS (pages 66-67)** - Submit report dated 10 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to establish the Nursery Nurse Post at the Gaelic Nursery Class, Onthank Primary School as a permanent post and offering permanent peripatetic contracts to those temporary Nursery Nurses who have provided additional special educational needs support to children in pre-five establishments for a continuous period of over 23 months.

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14. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS, EXPENDITURE IN 2000-01 (pages 68-69)** - Submit report dated 10 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the use of additional funds received from the Scottish Executive for improvements to schools and the action plans by the Department to meet the conditions of grant.  

15. **LINKS WITH GEORGIA, USA (pages 70-71)**- Submit report dated 22 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising members of a proposed East Ayrshire Schools Band and Choir concert tour to Atlanta, Georgia, USA.  

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 8 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.
17. **REPLACEMENT OF SERVICE COUNTERS (pages 73-74)** - Submit report dated 10 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to invite tenders for the replacement of service counters at a number of secondary schools. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
18. **AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES (Pages 72-76)** - Submit report dated 14 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the proposed management structure as a consequence of bringing together the Community Education Service and Community Development Service, and to remit the grading proposals to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**