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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.

11 September 2001

Dear Member

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 18 SEPTEMBER 2001

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Education Committee** to be held on **TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 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 DAVID MITCHELL

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources
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BUSINESS

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (TEACHERS) - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2001 (page 1)** - Submit for approval as a correct record and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the Joint Consultative Committee (Teachers) of 29 May 2001 (copy enclosed).



2. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT, EDUCATION TO 29 JULY 2001 (PERIOD 4) (pages 2-5)** - Submit joint report dated 10 September 2001 (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 29 July 2001 (Period 4).

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3. **AWARDING OF TENDERS (pages 6-9)** - Submit report dated 31 August 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. **RAISING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT - SUMMER SCHOOLS IN EAST AYRSHIRE - 2001 (pages 10-13)** - Submit report dated 18 September 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the success of Summer Schools and summer activities in East Ayrshire.

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5. **LINKS WITH GEORGIA (USA) (Item 16, Page 1854) (pages 14-16)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services bringing the Committee up-to-date on links that have been established with Education Departments and Establishments in Georgia, USA.

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6. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT 1 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 2001 (pages 17-20)** - Submit report dated 29 August 2001 (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 quarterly period 1 January - 31 March 2001.








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7. **DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS (pages 21-28)** - Submit report dated 23 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of strategies used to communicate, consult with and involve parents in the life of our educational establishments.



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8. **EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVENTION (Item 8, Page 1378) (pages 29-34)** - Submit report dated 24 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services updating the Committee on the progress of the Early Intervention Programme within the Department of Educational and Social Services.

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9. **CHILD POVERTY PACKAGE - ADDITIONAL RESOURCES OUT OF SCHOOL CARE (pages 35-38)** - Submit report dated 3 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the Childcare Poverty Package which includes additional resources for Out of School Care Services from 2001-2004.

10. **EXCELLENCE FUND FOR SCHOOLS: ANNUAL REPORT (Item 5, Page 1716) (pages 39-45)** - Submit report dated 24 July 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the contents of the annual report on the initial Excellence Fund for Schools Core Programmes.

11. **ACTION PLAN: ANNUAL REPORT (Item 5, Page 1716) (pages 46-49)** - Submit report dated 24 July 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of progress in the Education Action Plan Initiative in Shortlees and Bellfield Primary Schools and Grange Academy.

12. **PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE STANDARDS IN SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS ETC ACT 2000 - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION (Item 11, Page 1243) (pages 50-51)** - Submit report dated 23 July 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of a response to a consultation mounted by the Scottish Executive on the Standards in Scotland's Schools Etc Act 2000.

13. **PROMOTING YOUNG PEOPLE AS ACTIVE CITIZENS (pages 52-54)** - Submit report dated 21 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for proposals which will enhance the current involvement of children and young people in decision making and active citizenship.

14. **ACTION PLANS ON ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY (pages 55-56)** - Submit report dated 27 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the Scottish Executive Circular in relation to Action Plans on Adult Literacy and Numeracy.

15. **DEVELOPMENTS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND CHILDCARE INITIATIVES () (pages 57-60)** - Submit report dated 24 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval of proposals for further developments of the Sure Start Initiative, the Childcare Strategy and Childcare: The Training Challenge.


16. **CHILDREN'S CHANGE FUND ALLOCATION FOR TACKLING DRUGS AND ASSOCIATED DRUG REHABILITATION INITIATIVES (pages 61-68)** - Submit report dated 4 September 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of proposals to develop a range of initiatives utilising the GAE allocation in respect of drug rehabilitation and the Children's Change Fund Allocation for tackling drugs.
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17. **EXTERNAL ARTS FUNDING AWARDS (AUGUST 2001) (pages 69-70)** - Submit report dated 30 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of two recent external funding awards supporting Arts Developments in East Ayrshire.
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18. **SCHOOL BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT FUND (pages 71-73)** - Submit report dated 20 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the additional financial resources for investment in school buildings received from the Scottish Executive.
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19. **"A SAFER PLACE": REVISITED - A REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN PROPERTY RISK MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS (pages 74-76)** - Submit report dated 28 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services asking the Committee to note the contents of the Accounts Commission report, "A Safer Place": Revisited, published in June 2001.
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20. **BUDGETED SCHOOL RUNNING COSTS: 2000-2001 (pages 77-78)** - Submit report dated 23 April 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the information published regarding budgeted school running costs as contained in the Scottish Executive Statistical Bulletin (Education Series) dated 29 March 2001.
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21. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES: HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN (pages 79-84)** - Submit report dated 21 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services recommending a prioritised Departmental Health and Safety Action Plan.
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22. **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE IN 2001/02 (pages 85-86)** - Submit report dated 20 August 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the additional financial resources for schools received from the Scottish Executive.
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23. **GAELIC LANGUAGE IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL (pages 87-88)** - Submit report dated 6 September 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a new Gaelic Language Initiative in the Primary Schools of East Ayrshire.
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24. **TOP PLAY/TOP SPORTS INITIATIVE (pages 89-92)** - Submit joint report dated 11 September 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and the Director of Community Services advising of a successful funding bid to the Sports Lottery Fund to strategically develop the Top Play/Top Sports Initiative throughout East Ayrshire.
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25. **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 the Act”.
26. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT, ON-SITE SERVICES UNIT TO 29 JULY 2001 (PERIOD 4) (pages 93-97)** - Submit joint report dated 10 September 2001 (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 29 July 2001 (Period 4). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

[Members of the Education Committee are advised that a presentation will be made to the Council by the Health Policy Team of Ayrshire and Arran Health Board regarding the finalised Ayrshire and Arran Local Health Plan at 1100 hours or immediately following the conclusion of the Education Committee, whichever is the later. It is intended that the presentation will last around 15-20 minutes with a period for follow-up questions and comments thereafter].