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To: Councillors Kelly (Chair), Hay, Young, D Coffey, W Coffey, Reid, L MacLean, Weir, McIntyre, Macrae, Campbell, Darnbrough, Knapp, Raymond, Smith, Farrell, Faulds, Menzies, Provost Boyd and Councillor Carmichael.

17 May 2001

Dear Councillor

### **HOUSING COMMITTEE - 23 MAY 2001**

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Housing Committee** to be held in **THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** on **WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2001** commencing at **1000 HOURS** in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY JULIE ARMSTRONG

Fiona Lees  
Depute Chief Executive/  
Director of Corporate Resources

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## **B U S I N E S S**

### **INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

1. **HOUSING CAPITAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF 9 MAY 2001 (Pages 1-4)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record the Minute (copy enclosed) of the meeting of the Housing Capital Sub-Committee of 9 May 2001.



2. **THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (Pages 5-7)** - Submit joint report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the funding to be allocated to the Council by the Scottish Executive over the next 3 years as part of the Supporting People Initiative.



3. **REPORT ON DECORATION VOUCHERS (Pages 8-9)** - Submit report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on difficulties that are occurring in the operation of the tenants' decoration voucher scheme and recommending appropriate remedial action to overcome these difficulties.

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4. **PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A HOUSING RESERVE FUND (Pages 10-11)** - Submit report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on proposals to establish a Housing Reserve Fund, using the surplus from the Housing Revenue Account 2000/2001.

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5. **BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW - PROPERTY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE (Pages 12-28)** - Submit report dated 27 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services recommending major changes arising from the review of the repairs service and seeking approval to the revised Action Plan to improve the level of service to customers.

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6. **VOID MANAGEMENT (Pages 29-32)** - Submit report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the outcome of a series of public meetings held with tenants to discuss the Council's proposals to deal with the problem of low-demand housing within specific communities in east Ayrshire.

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7. **HOUSE ALLOCATION POLICY (Pages 33-56)** - Submit report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of proposed changes to the Housing Allocations Policy to take into account the requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998 and requesting that the Committee recommend approval of an amended Policy incorporating the proposed changes.

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8. **HOUSING (SCOTLAND) BILL: UPDATE (Pages 57-60)** - Submit report dated 23 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services providing an update on the progress and issues surrounding the Housing (Scotland) Bill 2000 which was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 18 December 2000.

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9. **EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001-2004 (Pages 61-64)** - Submit joint report dated 16 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and the Director of Homes and Technical Services seeking endorsement of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004; and authority to submit the Plan to the Scottish Executive as required by national guidance and directions.

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10. **USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS (Pages 65-66)** - Submit report dated 8 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of the receipt of a letter from Renfrewshire Council in respect of a campaign on behalf of all Local Authorities to lobby the Scottish Executive to allow Housing Capital receipts to be retained by Local Authorities; and seeking the Committee's views on this campaign.

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11. **MANAGING ABSENCE (Pages 67-70)** - Submit report dated 9 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services providing an analysis of absence within the Department of Homes and Technical Services for the first quarter of 2001 and indicating the action the Department is taking in relation to the management of absence.

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12. **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 the Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item".

13. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND - KILMARNOCK: MACPHAIL DRIVE (PARA 6) (Pages 71-73)** - Submit report dated 9 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of ground extending to approximately 178 square metres adjacent to 48 MacPhail Drive, Kilmarnock and authorise the disposal of same. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

14. **DEPARTMENT OF HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES: DEPARTMENTAL ORGANISATION (PARA 1) (Pages 74-77)** - Submit report dated May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services to enable the Committee to take forward the outstanding remit to review the structure of the Technical Services Division and other elements of the Department of Homes and Technical Services. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

15. **KILMARNOCK: OWNERSHIP AND PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES (PARA 6) (Pages 78-82)** - Submit joint report dated 9 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and

Director of Development Services informing of the current proposals for the redevelopment of properties in Kilmarnock. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**