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

16 May 2002

Dear Councillor

HOUSING COMMITTEE - 22 MAY 2002

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 22 MAY 2002** commencing at **1000 hours** in order to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/
Director of Corporate Resources

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BUSINESS

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (Pages 1-5)** - Submit report dated 22 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing, for information, details of tenders which have been accepted.



2. **PROPOSED FORMER TENANT BALANCES WRITE-OFFS (Pages 6-7) -** Submit report dated 7 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance recommending that former tenants' balances prior to 31 March 2001 be written off within the financial year 2001/2002.

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3. **PROPOSED SCHEME TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF SMOKE DETECTORS (Pages 8-11) -** Submit report dated 1 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of the position in respect of smoke detectors, providing advice on the present maintenance procedure and making proposals in relation to smoke detectors.

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4. **LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY - HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001 (Pages 12-14) -** Submit report dated May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of the new duty placed upon East Ayrshire Council as the Strategic Housing Authority to produce a Local Housing Strategy as required by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

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5. **HOUSING LISTS AND ALLOCATIONS: HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001 (Pages 15-17) -** Submit report dated 7 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the implications for East Ayrshire Council's Housing Allocation Policy of the implementation of Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

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6. **MODEL SCOTTISH SECURE TENANCY AGREEMENT (Pages 18-53) -** Submit report dated May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the outcome of the consultation process on the draft Scottish Secure Tenancy Agreement for East Ayrshire and seeking approval to the terms of the finalised draft Scottish Secure Tenancy Agreement appended to the report.

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7. **SETTLEMENT IN PROPERTIES AT 9, 11, 13 AND 15 GREENBRAES DRIVE, NEW CUMNOCK (Pages 54-55) -** Submit report dated 2 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of the impact of poor ground conditions at Nos. 9, 11, 13 and 15 Greenbraes Drive, New Cumnock and recommending re-purchase of the privately owned house at No. 9 and demolition of this block of houses.

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8. **STRUCTURAL DEFECTS AT FORMER CEMETERY KEEPER'S LODGE, BARSKIMMING ROAD, MAUCLINE (Pages 56-58)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of the condition of the former Cemetery Keeper's Lodge, Barskimming Road, Mauchline and recommending that the property be declare surplus to requirements, the tenant re-housed and the property marketed for sale in accordance with the Council's agreed procedures.



9. **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 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

10. **HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003: BUILDING AND WORKS (Pages 59-61)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of arrangements for work commissioned from Building and Works under the Housing Capital Programme 2002/2003. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

11. **PROPOSED DISPOSALS**

- 11.1 **LAND ADJACENT TO 52 BLAIR AVENUE, HURLFORD (Pages 62-64)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of ground extending to 81m² located adjacent to 52 Blair Avenue, Hurlford and authorise disposal of same. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

- 11.2 **LAND AT AFTON AVENUE, KILMARNOCK (PAGES 65-67)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of land at Afton Avenue, Kilmarnock extending to 110m² or thereby and authorise disposal of same. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

- 11.3 **SHOP UNIT AND ADJOINING LAND AT 2 NITH PLACE, KILMARNOCK (Pages 68-70)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services requesting that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the shop unit and adjoining land at 2 Nith Place, Kilmarnock; and authorise the Director of Development Services to negotiate a marketing agreement with the proprietors of the adjoining shop units at 4 and 6 Nith Place, Kilmarnock for the purpose of marketing for sale the combined subjects

extending to 1130m² or thereby. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**