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To: Councillors McIntyre (Chair), Jackson, Young, D Coffey, W Coffey, Reid, Weir, Macrae, Wilson, Linton, Darnbrough, Knapp, F MacLean, McDill, Kelly, Farrell, Provost Boyd, Councillors Ross, Dinwoodie, Taylor.

30 March 2001

Dear Councillor

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

You are requested to attend the meeting of the **Policy and Resources Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** on **THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2001** at **1000 hrs** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY JULIE ARMSTRONG

Fiona Lees  
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources  
JA/FM

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

### **INTIMATE APOLOGIES**

1. **SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES** - Submit for approval as a correct record and approval of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes, viz:-

- 1.1 **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF 28 MARCH 2001 (copy enclosed).**

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- 1.2 **PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF 2 APRIL 2001 (copy enclosed).**

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2. **BUDGET MONITORING GROUP (pages 1-4)** - Submit Minutes of the Budget Monitoring Group of 20 March 2001 (copy enclosed).

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**3. EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP BOARD -**

**3.1 MINUTES OF MEETING (pages 5-17)** - Submit Minutes of 15 March 2001 (copy enclosed) for noting and approval of any recommendations contained therein.

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**3.2 FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOARD (pages 18-19)** - Submit report dated 27 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to advise Members of the establishment of a constituted Board for the East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership and to propose that responsibility for decision making and budgetary matters be devolved to the Board.

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**4. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENTS** - Submit the undernoted reports (copies enclosed) on the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year, viz:-

**4.1 POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES) (pages 20-22)** - Report by Director of Finance dated 16 March 2001.

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**4.2 POLICY AND RESOURCES (CORPORATE RESOURCES) (pages 23-25)** - Joint report by Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Resources dated 16 March 2001.

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**5. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ACCOUNT (pages 26-28)** - Submit report dated 16 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position of the General Services Revenue Account.







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**6. BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 9 FEBRUARY 2001 (PERIOD 11) (pages 29-32)** - Submit joint report dated 12 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the current budgetary control position of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 9 February 2001 (Period 11).

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**7. STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION (pages 32-34)** - Submit report dated 20 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance on the position of the Council with regard to billing and collection of local taxes as at 9 March 2001 (Period 12).

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8. **BENEFITS SERVICE PERFORMANCE (Item 10, Page 825, 99/02 (pages 35-39))** - Submit report dated 21 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance to update Members on the performance of the Benefits Service following the approval of the Service review in March 2001 and medium term action plan.  

9. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2001/2002 (pages 40-42)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Chief Auditor to submit to Members details of the 2001/2002 Internal Audit Plan.  

10. **BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICE FUND** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to update Members on information received from the Scottish Executive on the use of the new Better Neighbourhood Service Fund and to propose that the Council prepares the case for identifying pilot neighbourhoods.  

11. **ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS (pages 43-56)** - Submit report dated 20 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Corporate Resources to advise of the current position in regard to the introduction of new legislation governing Ethical Standards in Public Life and the Code of Conduct for Councillors.  

12. **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME, 1997 - OUTCOME OF THE FIRST PERIOD OF FORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND THE SECOND REVIEW OF THE SCHEME (Item 17, Page 1417, 99/02) (pages 57-78)** - Submit report dated 20 March 2001 (copy enclosed) advising of the outcome of the first of three periods of public consultation on the Review of the East Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme, 1997 and to present for consideration proposed amendments to the Scheme and issues for further consultation identified as a result of the consultation exercise and operational experience.  

13. **AFFILIATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (pages 79-89)** - Submit report dated 16 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to consider the background, aims and objectives and activities of those organisations which have sought association with, and affiliation of, the Council.  

14. **REVIEW OF POLICY AND RESOURCES CENTRAL GRANTS BUDGET (Item 15.2, Page 1599)** - Submit report (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources on the outcome of the review of

the central grants budget held by the policy and Resources Committee and to propose the creation of a new fund to maximise external funding opportunities.

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**15. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE GRANTS BUDGET - REQUESTS FOR GRANTS -**

**15.1 SCOTTISH HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE (pages 90-91)** - Submit report dated 16 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services in relation to the grant application made to the Council from the Scottish Human Rights Centre and to make a recommendation accordingly.

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**15.2 WEST OF SCOTLAND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL (WSCRC) (pages 92-93)** - Submit report dated 14 February 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive to advise of a request for a grant of £5,464 by the West of Scotland Community Relations Council (WSCRC) and to recommend accordingly.

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**15.3 ETHNIC MINORITIES LAW CENTRE (pages 94-95)** - Submit report dated 21 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to consider a request for funding from the Ethnic Minorities Law Centre.

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**15.4 EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - REQUEST FOR GRANT (pages 96-97)** - Submit report dated 23 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to provide information on a request for grant received from the East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency (LVDA) and to make recommendations accordingly.

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**16. DRAFT CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY (pages 98-99)** - Submit report dated 12 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Community Services to submit East Ayrshire Council's Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy draft document for consideration and approval if acceptable.

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**17. ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY (Item 15, Page 1416, 99/02) (pages 100-101)** - Submit report dated 26 March 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Community Services to request adoption of an Environmental Strategy which has been revised in consultation with the wider community.

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