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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 and Taylor.

16 May 2001

Dear Councillor

SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 23 MAY 2001

You are requested to attend a **Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee** to be held in the **MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** on **WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2001** at **1115 HOURS** or at the conclusion of the Members' Services and Civic Ceremonial Sub-Committee, whichever is the later, 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. **CoSLA REVIEW (pages 1-9)** - Submit report dated 14 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive to advise of the establishment of a review group to look at CoSLA's core activities, priorities and related matters and to seek the views of Members on the response to a questionnaire received from the review group.



2. **CONSULTATION BY SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) BILL (pages 10-17)** - Submit report dated 14 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to advise on the terms of proposed legislation on freedom of information for public authorities in Scotland and to propose interim actions in preparation for its introduction.



3. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TIMING OF ELECTIONS) (SCOTLAND) BILL (pages 18-22)** - Submit report dated 14 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to present for Members' consideration the proposed arrangements for synchronising future Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections and to propose a response to current consultation by the Scottish Executive.

