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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.

23 November 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 29 NOVEMBER 2001** at **1000 hrs** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY BILL WALKINSHAW

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

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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 APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 29 OCTOBER 2001 (page 1)** (copy enclosed).



- 1.2 APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 30 OCTOBER 2001 (pages 2-3)** (copy enclosed).



- 1.3 **APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 5 NOVEMBER 2001 (pages 4-5)**
(copy enclosed).

- 1.4 **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF 6 NOVEMBER 2001 (pages 6-7)** (copy enclosed).

- 1.5 **CORPORATE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 20 NOVEMBER 2001 (pages)**
(copy enclosed).

2. **BUDGET SCRUTINY GROUP (pages 8-10)** - Submit for noting (copy enclosed) the Minutes of the Budget Scrutiny Group held on 6 November 2001.

3. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 6) (pages 11-13)**
- Submit report dated 7 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position of the General Services Revenue Account to 23 September 2001 (Period 6).
 
4. **BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2001 (PERIOD 6) (pages 14-16)** - Submit joint report dated 16 October 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Directors of Finance and of Homes and Technical Services on the current budgetary control position of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 23 September 2001 (Period 6).
 
5. **STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION (pages 17-18)** - Submit report dated 12 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance to update Members on the position of the Council with regard to billing and collection of local taxes as at 21 October 2001 (Period 7).

6. **DRAFT ESTIMATES 2002/03 - GENERAL SERVICES (pages 19-24)** - Submit report dated 20 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance to seek as a basis for consultation only at this stage, the approval of Members of the draft Estimates 2002/03 for General Services which will enable the Council to consult on the budget strategy prior to the declaration of the Council Tax for 2002/03 on 14 February 2002.
 

7. **SUNDRY DEBTORS' WRITE-OFF (pages 25-26)** - Submit report dated 20 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance to seek authority for the write-off of a number of sundry debts for which bills were raised prior to 31 March 2001 and are now considered to be irrecoverable.

8. **THE EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL PLAN (1999-2002) - UPDATE ON PROGRESS (pages 27-51)** - Submit report dated 20 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to provide the Committee with an update on progress in the achievement of the challenging actions set out within the East Ayrshire Council Plan (1999-2002) and to seek the Committee's approval to publicise this information in line with the Council's Public Performance Reporting Framework.

9. **ESTABLISHMENT OF SCRUTINY AND BEST VALUE REVIEW GROUPS (pages 52-53)** - Submit report dated 14 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive seeking approval to the establishment of two Scrutiny and Best Value Review Groups to consider respectively the outcome of the Best Value Review of the Council's Information Technology Service and the Best Value Review of the Council's Roads Procurement function.

10. **AYRSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESSWOMEN (pages 54-55)** - Submit report dated 21 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by Director of Development Services to recommend that the Council affiliate to the Ayrshire Association of Businesswomen.

11. **EAST AYRSHIRE ZERO TOLERANCE GROUP REPORT (pages 56-58)** - Submit report dated 13 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by Director of Educational and Social Services providing information in relation to the progress of the Zero Tolerance Group within East Ayrshire and requesting approval for additional funds to allow progress to continue.

12. **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION (pages 59-62)** - Submit report dated 25 September 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to approve (i) the establishment of an Elected Member as a Children and Young Persons' Champion to promote children's rights and responsibilities; and (ii) in principle the establishment of a multi-agency Children and Young Persons' Forum.

13. **THE FUTURE OF MATERNITY SERVICES IN AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN (pages 63-66)** - Submit report dated 23 November 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive to seek Committee endorsement of the officer response to

the consultation by NHS Ayrshire and Arran on the future of maternity services in Ayrshire and Arran.



14. **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 Schedule 7A of the Act”.

15. **CHILDREN’S PANEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC MEMBERSHIP) (pages 67-69)** - Submit report dated 24 October 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to advise the Committee of (i) the procedure in relation to a Council appointed member of the Committee whose term of appointment concludes in February 2002; and (ii) a Council appointee vacancy on East Ayrshire Children’s Panel Advisory Committee arising from a resignation. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**