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To: Councillors McIntyre (Chair), McKay, O'Neill, Young, Reeves, D Coffey, W Coffey, Reid, Cree, Weir, Wilson, Provost Darnbrough and Councillors Knapp, Finlayson, Jackson, Kelly, Farrell, Menzies, Ross, Dinwoodie and Carmichael

25 September 2003

Dear Councillor

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 2 OCTOBER 2003

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 2 OCTOBER 2003** at **1000 HRS** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



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

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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 17 JUNE AND 12 AUGUST 2003 (pages 1-2)** (copy enclosed).

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1.2 **RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 13 AUGUST 2003 (page 3)** (copy enclosed).

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- 1.3 **APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 19 AUGUST 2003 (page 4)** (copy enclosed).

- 1.4 **APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 20 AUGUST 2003 (page 5)** (copy enclosed).

- 1.5 **RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 27 AUGUST 2003 (pages 6-7)** (copy enclosed).

- 1.6 **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2003 (pages 8-10)** (copy enclosed).

2. **BUDGET SCRUTINY GROUP** - Submit, for noting, the Minutes of the Budget Scrutiny Group meetings as follows, viz:-
 - 2.1 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2003 (pages 11-14)** (copy enclosed)

 - 2.2 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2003 (pages 15-16)** (copy enclosed).

3. **BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT - GENERAL FUND SERVICES (pages 17-20)** - Submit report dated 2 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance advising of the current budgetary control position of the General Services Revenue Account.
 
4. **OUTWITH AREA PLACEMENTS - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (pages 21-22)** - Submit report dated 17 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for the reallocation of resources currently held within Contingency to the Education Services budget to fund the costs of outwith placements.

5. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 27 JULY 2003 (PERIOD 4) (pages 23-26)** - Submit joint report dated 18 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance and the Director of Homes and Technical Services advising of the current budgetary control position of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 27 July 2003 (Period 4).
 

6. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT - ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03 (pages 27-32)** - Submit report dated 4 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance advising of the out-turn performance on Treasury Management for the financial year 2002/03.

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7. **PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES (pages 33-36)** - Submit report dated 11 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Finance advising of the arrangements for Capital Finance which replaced the existing Section 94 Consent arrangements from 1 April 2004.

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8. **PETITION BY SAFEWAY PLC - CALLED TO DECLARE 25 JANUARY A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND IN CELEBRATION OF ROBERT BURNS (pages 37-38)** - Submit report dated 21 August 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources inviting comments on a Petition by Safeway plc, lodged with the Scottish Parliament, calling for 25 January to be declared a national holiday in Scotland in celebration of Robert Burns.

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9. **DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SCOTLAND) BILL (pages 39-46)** - Submit report dated 15 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Chief Executive to (i) advise the Committee of a Scottish Executive consultative exercise in respect of the Local Governance (Scotland) Bill; (ii) advise the Committee of action taken by Officers to comply with the consultation deadline; and (iii) submit for consideration, the Council's response to specific proposals contained in the Bill.

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10. **SERVICES FOR LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED YOUNG PEOPLE (pages 47-49)** - Submit report dated 15 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval for a proposed Best Value Review on Services for Looked After and Accommodated Young People.

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11. **EXTERNAL FUNDING LOCAL AUTHORITY COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (pages 50-64)** - Submit report dated 11 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing information on Lottery Distribution Board funding made to the East Ayrshire area for the period 1 April 1995 (the first financial year of National Lottery Funding) to 31 March 2003 and providing a comparative analysis against other Scottish Local Authorities for the same period.

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12. **PROPOSAL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF NHS TRUSTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WITHIN NHS AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN AND THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE'S CONSULTATION PAPER ON GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS (pages 65-73)** - Submit report dated 8 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources presenting the Council's proposed response to NHS Ayrshire and Arran's proposals for the dissolution of NHS Trusts and the establishment of an integrated health care system within NHS Ayrshire and Arran and providing Members with an overview of the Officers' response to the Scottish Executive's consultation paper on guidance for Community Health Partnerships.

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13. **BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - SHORTLEES NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INITIATIVE (Pages 74-75)** - Submit report dated 3 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources advising of the outcome of local consultation regarding the proposed Neighbourhood Services Facility in Shortlees and seeking approval to align the £1.04m allocated for this development with the proposed PPP initiative to replace Shortlees Primary School, nursery school and community centre.

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14. **EAST AYRSHIRE COALFIELD AREA SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP - ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03 (pages 76-82)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources presenting the published edition of East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership's Annual Report for 2002/03.

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15. **EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH SOCIAL INCLUSION INITIATIVE - ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03 (pages 83-84)** - Submit report dated 10 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources presenting the 2002/03 Annual Report of the East Ayrshire North Social Inclusion Initiative.

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16. **BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - ANNUAL REPORT 2003 (pages 85-119)** - Submit report dated 15 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources presenting a summary of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) Annual Report 2003.

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17. **ACCOUNTS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND AND CONSULTATION ON THE 2003 DIRECTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2001 AND 2002 DIRECTIONS (pages 120-128)** - Submit report dated 15 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources advising of amendments to the 2001 and 2002 Directions issued by the Accounts Commission and of the receipt of their consultation paper on the 2003 Direction and requesting approval of the Officers' response to the consultation document.

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18. **INTEGRATING SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS AND THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS (pages 129-131)** - Submit report dated 15 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources advising of the current arrangements in place regarding Community Scotland's Framework for Integrating Social Inclusion Partnerships (SIPs) and Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs).

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19. **EAST AYRSHIRE MULTI-AGENCY FORUM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (Item 16, Page 3104, 99/03) (pages 132-140)** - Submit report dated 25 July 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the Multi-Agency Forum for Young People which was held on Thursday 20 June 2003 and requesting the Committee to note how issues will be progressed.

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20. **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".

21. **EAST AYRSHIRE'S PANEL OF SAFEGUARDERS (PARA 6) (pages 141-144)** - Submit report dated 12 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources requesting the Committee to consider the appointment of a further Safeguarder to the Council's Panel of Safeguarders in the light of a review of the operational needs of the Panel. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

22. **BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW OF OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES (PROPOSED SETTING UP OF BEST VALUE REVIEW) (PARAS 1 AND 9) (pages 145-150)** - Report dated 15 September 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services advising of the outcome of the Best Value Service Review of Older People's Residential Homes operated by the Council and seeking approval for the resource implications. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

PRESENTATION BY CoSLA - PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH FURTHER DIALOGUE WITH MEMBER COUNCILS - A presentation will be given by Margarita Morrison, Corporate Adviser, which will outline CoSLA's future role and strategic objectives in engaging further with Councils.