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To: Councillors Jackson (Chair), Murray, O'Neill, Young, Reid, Cree, Weir, McIntyre, Macrae, Wilson, Linton, Knapp, Raymond, Finlayson, McDill, Kelly, Farrell, Menzies, N McGhee, Crawford and Stewart.

23 January 2004

Dear Councillor

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2004

You are requested to attend the next meeting of the **Social Work Committee** which will be held on **THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2004 at 1000 HOURS** in **THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK** to discuss the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/
Director of Corporate Resources

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B U S I N E S S

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT - SOCIAL WORK TO 16 NOVEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 8) (Pages 1-4)** - Submit joint report dated 20 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 16 November 2003 (Period 8).



2. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS (Pages 5-7)** – Submit report dated 9 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources providing for information, details of the tenders which have been accepted, the amount shown being the actual costs of the contract, exclusive of professional fees.



3. **POSITION STATEMENT ON BEST VALUE (Pages 8-16)** – Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress made by the Department towards the implementation of Best Value.



4. **THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (Pages 17-18)** – Submit joint report dated 5 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Directors of Homes and Technical Services and of Educational and Social Services on the implementation of this Scottish Executive initiative and its operation in East Ayrshire Council since April 2003.



5. **COMMUNITY SERVICE BY OFFENDERS (Pages 19-20)** – Submit report dated 5 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on additional resources being made available to increase the staffing level for the Community Service by Offenders Scheme and seeking approval to refer this matter to the Corporate Governance Committee.



6. **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2002-2003 (Pages 21-22)** – Submit report dated 9 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the content of the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2002-2003 and on the arrangements made for its public launch.



Please note that a copy of the Annual Report document is appended to the Agenda papers.

7. **REPORT OF THE CALEB NESS INQUIRY – IMPLICATIONS FOR EAST AYRSHIRE (Pages 23-38)** – Submit report dated 5 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the recommendations made about child protection practice detailed in the report of the Caleb Ness Inquiry and advising of the position in East Ayrshire in respect of each recommendation.



8. **BEST VALUE REVIEW OF COMMUNITY MEALS SERVICE (Pages 39-40)** Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of

Educational and Social Services on the intention to conduct a review of the Community Meals Service in line with Best Value principles.

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9. **REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS FOR HOME STUDY REPORTS (Pages 41-44)** – Submit report dated 12 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services seeking approval to increase charges to prospective adopters for home study reports related to the adoption of children from overseas.

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10. **THROUGH-CARE AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES (Pages 45-48)** – Submit report dated 24 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the implications of the proposed transfer of financial responsibility for relevant young persons who are looked after (both in accommodation and at home), from the Department of Work for Pensions (DWP) to the local Authority and advising of the potential and bringing forward for consideration which would ensure that the Department was in a position to meet the new standards sought by the Scottish Executive.

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11. **“DEALING WITH OFFENDING BY YOUNG PEOPLE: FOLLOW UP STUDY” (Pages 49-64)** – Submit report dated 19 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the content of audit reports on aspects of services provided to young people referred on offence grounds and seeking approval for the action intended in response to identified areas for improvement contained within the auditor’s report.

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12. **SUPERVISED ATTENDANCE ORDERS – PILOT SCHEME (Pages 65-67)** – Submit report dated 19 December 2003 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on a successful bid to pilot, in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, the provisions of Section 235(4) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 in Ayr Sheriff Court and seeking approval to refer recruitment of additional staff to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration.

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13. **IN-COURT ADVICE PILOT PROJECT (Page 68-70)** – Submit report dated 19 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on a Scottish Executive funded In-Court Advice Pilot Project proposed for Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and seeking approval for the project to be managed by the Council.

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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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

15. **STRENGTHENING FRONTLINE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES** - Submit report (copy enclosed) dated 14 January 2004 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph.**

Please note that there will be a launch of the Child Protection Committee Annual Report for 2002-2003 in the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, immediately following the Social Work Committee on 29 January 2004.