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To: Councillors Darnbrough (Chair), Hall, Young, D Coffey, Reid, L MacLean, Weir, McIntyre, Linton, Walsh, Knapp, F MacLean, Jackson, Kelly, Farrell, Faulds, Menzies, Stewart and Carmichael.

17 May 2002

Dear Councillor

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE: THURSDAY 23 MAY 2002

You are requested to attend the meeting of the **Social Work Committee** which will be held on **THURSDAY 23 MAY 2002** 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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BUSINESS

INTIMATE APOLOGIES

1. **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT - 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2002 (pages 1-5)** - Submit report dated 7 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the absence rates for Social Work Services (and Resource Support) for the period ended 31 March 2002.



2. **SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 - SECTION 10 PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (pages 6-11)** - Submit report dated 15 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to seek authority to make Section 10 awards to organisations which have applied for assistance and to seek approval for changes to the existing arrangements for allocating and managing the Section 10 process.

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3. **PROGRESS REPORT ON ADAPTATION SERVICE (pages 12-54)** - Submit joint report dated 13 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by Directors of Homes and Technical Services and Educational and Social Services on the revised policy, procedures and eligibility criteria for specific elements of the Council's Adaptations Service and which seeks approval for implementation.

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4. **HOME CARE REVIEW - STAGE 2 (pages 55-60)** - Submit report dated 13 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on proposed developments to the structure of the Home Care Service and on the implementation of Stage 1 of the Home Care review.

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5. **LEVEL OF CARE HOME FEES IN RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN 2002/03 (pages 61-63)** - Submit report dated 24 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of national negotiations on an increase in Care Home Fees to Care Home Providers 2002-03 and to seek approval for the level of care fees set for 2002/03 for individuals who require long-term care.

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6. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - GRANT ALLOCATION FOR 2002/03 (pages 64-66)** - Submit report dated 26 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the 100% grant allocation to East Ayrshire Council for delivery of approved core and non-core Criminal Justice Social Work Services and on the grant made available to the Ayrshire Criminal Justice Partnership for delivering these same services.

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7. **THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL ASSISTANCE VIA DIRECT PAYMENTS (pages 67-70)** - Submit report dated 25 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on new arrangements to provide personal assistance via direct payments, following the dissolution of the Personal Assistance Support Scheme.

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8. **OLDER PEOPLE IN CARE HOMES IN EAST AYRSHIRE WHO ARE FUNDED BY OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES (pages 71-72)** - Submit report dated 22 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to seek approval for East Ayrshire Educational and Social Services Department to charge other Local Authorities for undertaking reviews on their behalf for older people in care in homes in East Ayrshire.

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9. **IMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING TRANSFER OF PRESERVED RIGHTS (pages 73-74)** - Submit report dated 25 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to seek approval for the staffing implications required to support the increase in responsibilities resulting from the transfer of DSS Preserved Rights.

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10. **“FREE” PERSONAL CARE AND “FREE” NURSING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE (pages 75-85)** - Submit report dated 30 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on an announcement by the Scottish Executive of its intention to move towards the introduction of free personal care for older people.

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11. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DEBT ADVICE SERVICES (pages 86-91)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on additional funding for Debt Advice Services to be provided by the Scottish Executive to Local Authorities and to seek approval for proposals for the use of that funding.

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12. **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED STAFF IN SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - ACTION PLAN 2002 (pages 92-97)** - Submit report dated 24 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to seek authority to implement an action plan in 2002 to recruit qualified Social Workers and other professionally qualified staff in Social Work Services and to implement associated measures to ensure retention of staff once in post.


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13. **DISPOSAL OF PREMISES AT 29 DALHARCO AVENUE, PATNA (page 98)** - Submit report dated 30 April 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the premises held on the Social Work property register at 29 Dalharco Avenue, Patna, which are surplus to Departmental requirements.

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- 14. DALSALLOCH SITE, AUCHINLECK: FUTURE OPTIONS (pages 99-102)**
Submit report dated 15 May 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on options for the future use of the Dalsalloch site and to seek authority to implement the preferred option, namely the development of a social care facility on the site.


- 15. CHARGES FOR SOCIAL WORK SERVICES (pages 103-107)** - Submit report dated 2 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on recent developments and recommendations with regard to local authority charging for residential and non-residential services and to seek approval for proposed changes to East Ayrshire's current charging arrangements in that context.


- 16. HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN (pages 108-111)** - Submit report dated 13 May 2001 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on a revised and updated Departmental Health and Safety Action Plan.


- 17. ANNUAL UPDATING OF APPROVED RATES FOR CARE PLACEMENTS (pages 112-114)** - Submit report dated 25 April 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services to seek approval for the updating of the Council's rates for voluntary and private nursing and residential care respite placements for adults and older people, and the revision of the weekly charges for residential care in Council operated establishments.

