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To: Councillors Douglas Reid (Chair), Jim McMahon (Vice-Chair), John McFadzean, Elaine Cowan, Maureen McKay, Iain Linton, Graham Barton, Barry Douglas, Neal Ingram, Clare Maitland and Drew Filson; and Religious Representatives: Rev Harriet Johnston, Babs Mowat and Rev Dr Allan Vint; Parent Representative: Jacqueline Livingston; and Teacher Representative: Norman Watt.

12 January 2023

Dear Member

CABINET - WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023

You are requested to attend a meeting of **Cabinet** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023** at **1000 HOURS** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/MICROSOFT TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

The meeting of Cabinet will be subject to delayed broadcast and a recording will be available to view on the Council website.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED OFF BY JULIE MGARRY
ON BEHALF OF

David Mitchell
Chief Governance Officer
CB/SC

B U S I N E S S

CALL FOR SEDERUNT AND INTIMATE APOLOGIES (page 1)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (page 2)** - Under this item, Members are asked to declare, if required, any interest in any of the undernoted items of business on the agenda and to provide explanation of the nature of the interest.
- 2E. **EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE STATUTORY CONSULTATION AND PLAN 2022-24 (pages 3-30)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Education Officer and Head of Education advising Cabinet of:- (i) progress to date in delivering the policy commitment to deliver 1140 hours; of funded early learning and childcare 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds; (ii) the findings of the 2022 statutory early learning and childcare consultation; (iii) the priorities for the Early Learning and Childcare Plan 2022-2024; and (iv) the proposal to increase the hourly rate for Community Childminders.

- 3E. **KING'S CORONATION 2023 (pages 31-35)** - Submit report dated 5 January 2022 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of People and Culture seeking approval from Cabinet to mark the celebration of the King Charles III's Coronation which takes place on Saturday 6 May 2023 by granting an additional Public Holiday for 2023 only.
- 4E. **REVENUE BUDGET UPDATE (pages 36-48)** - Submit report dated 10 January 2023 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Finance and ICT providing an update on the provisional Finance Settlement provided by the Scottish Government in December 2022. The report also details a range of expenditure reduction measures and seeks approval to proceed to public engagement on the Council's 2023/24 revenue budget.
5. **COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER HOWARD PARK (pages 49-57)** - Submit report dated 19 December 2022 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive making two recommendations to Cabinet in terms of a proposed lease of a building and an area of green space both within the Howard Park site.
6. **COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING - ANCHOR CHARTER PROGRESS REPORT (YEAR TWO) (pages 58-88)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Economic Growth examining the progress that has been made in East Ayrshire in relation to the Community Wealth Building (CWB) year two commitments as set out in the Anchor Charter. Signatories to the Charter, including East Ayrshire Council, will provide their formal reports to the pan-Ayrshire Community Wealth Building Commission in early 2023.
7. **AYRSHIRE ENERGY MASTERPLAN UPDATE (pages 89-93)** - Submit report dated 21 December 2022 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Economic Growth updating Cabinet on the progress of developing the Ayrshire Energy Masterplan (AEM).
8. **UK GOVERNMENT - SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (pages 94-109)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Economic Growth notifying Cabinet of the validation of the Council's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Investment Plan, following its submission to the UK Government on 31 August 2022, and setting out details of how the respective programmes and projects will be implemented between now and the end of the 2024/25 financial year.
9. **CoRE: UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE CONTRACT EXTENSION (pages 110-115)** - Submit report 11 January 2023 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Economic Growth seeking approval to offer an extension to the existing contract with University of Strathclyde to inform the development of the CoRE project.
10. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (page 116)** - Recommend that Cabinet pass the following Resolution:- "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press 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".
11. **PEOPLE AND CULTURE SERVICE REDESIGN (pages 117-160)** - Submit report dated 19 December 2022 by the Head of People and Culture presenting to Cabinet the conclusions of the People and Culture Service Redesign and seeking approval for the revised staffing structure. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

- 12. FINANCE & ICT SERVICE REDESIGN (PHASE 2) (pages 161-192)** - Submit report dated 10 January 2023 by the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Finance and ICT presenting to Cabinet the conclusions arising from Phase 2 of the Finance & ICT Service Redesign and seeking approval for the implementation of the redesign and structural changes for the Service. **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**
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