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To: Councillors Lillian Jones (Chair), Stephen Canning, David Richardson, Peter Mabon, Beverley Clark, Sally Cogley, William Lennox, June Kyle, Neill Watts, Jennifer Hogg and Elaine Stewart.

11 April 2024

Dear Councillor

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024

You are requested to attend the meeting of the **Governance and Scrutiny Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024** commencing at **0930 HRS** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/ MICROSOFT TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

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Yours sincerely

SIGNED BY CHRISTINE BAILLIE
ON BEHALF OF

David Mitchell
Chief Governance Officer
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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 provide an explanation of the nature of their interest.
- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (pages 3-4)** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2024 ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3. 2022/23 STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING FRAMEWORK (pages 5-41)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Corporate Support to provide an update on progress

in relation to the Council's 22/23 Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) and the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF), and provide summary information on the Council's position in relation to all other Councils for the 2022/23 LGBF results as reported by the Improvement Service. **(PERFORMANCE)**

4. **REVIEW OF STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (pages 42-59)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Corporate Support to advise the Governance and Scrutiny Committee of the outcome of the review of the Council's existing Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) and to seek approval to implement a revised SPI framework for reporting progress in the 2024/25 financial year. **(PERFORMANCE)**
5. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (pages 60-88)** - Submit report dated April 2024 ([copy enclosed](#)) by Chief Executive to (i) update Elected Members on progress in implementing the Council's Corporate Governance Improvement Action Plan for 2023/24; (ii) to seek approval of the proposed Annual Governance Statement of Assurance for 2023/24; and (iii) to seek approval of the Council's Corporate Governance Improvement Action Plan for 2024/25. **(CORPORATE GOVERNANCE)**
6. **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024-27 (pages 89-122)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Head of Corporate Support (i) to present an updated Risk Management Strategy with a view to ensuring that key risks to the achievement of the Council's strategic objectives continue to be identified and managed with an agreed risk appetite and clear risk tolerances; (ii) to seek approval of the updated 3 year Risk Management Strategy for the period up to 31 March 2027; (iii) to maintain an overview of national developments and legislative requirements relevant to Risk Management through the Strategic Risk Officers' Group, ensuring effective implementation at a local level; (iv) to remit officers to develop and implement guidance, including eLearning resources to support the revised Risk Management Strategy; (v) to ensure that services in relation to Risk Management are provided within a Best Value framework and that performance is regularly monitored and continuous improvement achieved in accordance with performance and efficiency agendas; (vi) to ensure that our approach to Risk Management supports the delivery of the East Ayrshire Community Plan 2015-2030 and the Council's Strategic Framework 2022-27; and (vii) to provide an efficient and effective Risk Management co-ordination service to the Chief Executive and Council Management Team, supporting them to develop Corporate and Service risk management arrangements - including risk registers - and manage their risks in line with the Council's strategic risk management framework **(SCRUTINY)**
7. **DOON ACADEMY HMIE INSPECTION REPORT (pages 123-128)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by Chief Education Officer and Head of Education to present the findings of a report by Education Scotland: His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) following their inspection of Doon Academy. **(PERFORMANCE)**
8. **NETHER ROBERTLAND HMIE INSPECTION REPORT (pages 129-134)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by Chief Education Officer and Head of Education to present the findings of a report by Education Scotland: His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) following their inspection of Nether Robertland Primary School. **(PERFORMANCE)**

9. **PLANNING REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON THE 2023/24 AUDIT (pages 135-155)** - Submit report dated 3 April 2024 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Finance and ICT to introduce the report from the Council's external auditors, Audit Scotland, on their Planning report on the audit for the year ending 31 March 2024. **(AUDIT)**
10. **INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT & ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT OPINION (pages 156-178)** - Submit report dated 11 April 2024 ([copy enclosed](#)) by Chief Auditor to (i) provide a positive annual report on internal audit activity and performance against the 2023/24 internal audit plan; and (ii) based on that work provide an Annual Internal Audit Opinion which will inform the Council's Annual Governance Statement of Assurance (AGS) in line with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). **(AUDIT)**
11. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25 (pages 179-193)** - Submit report dated 4 April 2024 ([copy enclosed](#)) by Chief Auditor to (i) provide a 2024/25 internal audit plan for approval in line with the obligations of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and which is intended to add value; and (ii) present compliance with necessary regulatory obligations. **(AUDIT)**
12. **SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVER ATTAINMENT 2022/23 (pages 194-218)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by Chief Education Officer and Head of Education to provide Governance and Scrutiny Committee with a summary of school leaver attainment and destinations for 2022-23 following the release of INSIGHT "National Benchmarking Measures" at the end of February 2024. **(PERFORMANCE)**

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