NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of ARgyll and Bute COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2004 at 11:00 AM, which you are requested to attend.

[Note: Before the commencement of business, there will a presentation by Bill Martin, Senior Project Manager on Scottish Water projects taking place in Argyll and Bute over the next two years.]

Nigel Stewart
Director of Corporate Services

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

3. HEALTH SERVICES IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

   (a) HEALTH BOARD CLINICAL STRATEGY
       Presentation by Gavin Brown, Head of Planning and Public Involvement, NHS Argyll and Clyde

   (b) CLOSURE OF JEANNIE DEANS UNIT
       Recommendation by Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee (Pages 1 - 2)

   (c) ARGYLL AND CLYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
       Report by Director of Corporate Services (Pages 3 - 4)

4. MINUTES
   Argyll and Bute Council 27 October 2004 (Pages 5 - 10)

5. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

   (a) Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Committee 6 October 2004 (Pages 11 - 18)
   (b) Special Committee on the Education NPDO 13 October 2004 (Pages 19 - 20)
   (c) Bute & Cowal Area Committee 2 November 2004 (Pages 21 - 28)
The above minutes are submitted to the Council for approval of any recommendations on the items which the Committee does not have delegated powers. These items are marked with an *.

6. COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT ON SECOND HOMES AND LONG TERM EMPTY HOMES
   Report by Director of Corporate Services (Pages 55 - 58)

7. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2003/04: MEMBERS LETTER/AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS
   Report by Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 59 - 110)
   External Auditors Report (to follow)

8. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO THE BOARD OF ARGYLL COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION
   Report by Director of Corporate Services (Pages 111 - 114)

9. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
   Report by Policy Development Group (Pages 115 - 130)

E1 10. PPP/EDUCATION NPDO PROJECT
     Report by Project Director (to follow)

E1 11. CAMPBELTOWN NEW QUAY
     Report by Head of Transportation and Infrastructure (to follow)

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an “E” on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraphs are:

E1 Paragraph 6 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).

Paragraph 9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

COUNCIL

ALL MEMBERS

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