



**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2007**

AGENDA AND REPORTS

South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne, Cambridge
CB23 6ES

If the press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that exempt information is to be considered, it will be necessary to pass the following resolution: "That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph (quoting relevant paragraph) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act."

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: The Chairman and Members of the
South Cambridgeshire District Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR** at **2.00 P.M.** on

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2007

and I am, therefore to summon you to attend accordingly for the transaction of the business specified below.

DATED 14 March 2007

GJ HARLOCK
Chief Executive

Requests for a large print agenda must be received at least 48 hours before the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES**
To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2007 as a correct record.

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3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, the executive or the head of paid service.
5. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND THE PUBLIC**
No questions from councillors and the public have been received at the time of publication. The deadline for the receipt of public questions is **12 noon on Monday 19 March 2007.**
6. **PETITIONS**
To note all petitions received since the last Council meeting.
7. **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:**
 - 7 (a) **Investment Strategy (Cabinet, 8 March 2007)**
Cabinet **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the Investment Strategy be approved.
8. **GYPSY AND TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (GTDPD)**

To consider the report of the Executive Director (attached).

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9. AUDIT PANEL: FURTHER REVISION TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

Council previously resolved that approval of the Statement of Accounts be delegated to the Audit Panel. It is necessary to add this provision to Part 3 of the Constitution.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Terms of Reference of the Audit Panel be extended to incorporate approval of the Statement of Accounts and the Constitution updated accordingly.

10. QUESTIONS ON JOINT MEETINGS

Joint Body	Date of Meeting	Minutes Published in Weekly Bulletin
South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	19 February 2007	7 March 2007
South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership Board	9 January 2007	14 March 2007
South Cambridgeshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee	12 March 2007	14 March 2007 (decision summary)

11. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12 (a) Standing in the names of Councillors RF Bryant, R Hall, SGM Kindersley, AG Orgee and Mrs HM Smith

In accordance with Council Standing Order 2.2 the following Notice of Motion has been submitted.

“We, the undersigned, wish to give notice of a Motion to remove Councillor Mrs Roberts from membership of the Council’s Scrutiny and Overview Committee as we consider that it is not in the best interests of the Council for her to be a member of this important Committee at this time.

Following investigation by the Standards Board for England she was found to have breached the Council’s Code of Conduct on five separate counts. The details of those breaches have persuaded us that Councillor Mrs Roberts is not a fit and proper person to hold such an influential position on this Council. We do not wish the reputation of this important Committee to be tarnished by association with Councillor Mrs Roberts and believe that she should not have accepted the nomination.”

In order to be carried, this Motion requires at least two thirds of the members present at the meeting to vote in favour.

12 (b) Standing in the names of Councillors VG Ford and RE Barrett

“This Council calls for urgent action to reduce the speed of traffic on the A1307 and

requests the Leader and Chairman of the Council to write to the Highways department of Cambridgeshire County Council requesting action be taken."

13. CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS

To note the Chairman's engagements since the last Council meeting:

Date	Venue / Event
23 February	East Cambridgeshire District Council: Chairman's reception
25 February	Ely Cathedral: Celebration of 100 years of Scouting
17 March	Reception for overseas visitors to Bassingbourn Village College

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