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To: Chairman – Councillor PW Topping
Vice-Chairman – Councillor NCF Bolitho
Members of the Corporate Governance Committee – Councillors JD Batchelor,
FWM Burkitt, Dr DR de Lacey, Mrs JM Guest and RT Summerfield

Quorum: 3

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**, which will be held in **MONKFIELD ROOM, FIRST FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **MONDAY, 29 JUNE 2009 at 9.30 a.m.**

Members are respectfully reminded that when substituting on committees, subcommittees, and outside or joint bodies, Democratic Services must be advised of the substitution *in advance of* the meeting. It is not possible to accept a substitute once the meeting has started. Council Standing Order 4.3 refers.

Yours faithfully
GJ HARLOCK
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence from committee members.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 29 April and 21 May 2009, as a correct record.

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ITEMS FOR DECISION

4. **Approval of Statement of Accounts (appendix to follow)**
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Meetings have been arranged on the following dates:

- 30 September 2009
- 23 December 2009
- 6 January 2010
- 31 March 2010

All meetings to begin at 9:30am.

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