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To: Chairman – Councillor John Batchelor
Vice-Chairman – Councillor James Hockney
Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee – Councillors Val Barrett,
Janice Guest, Roger Hall, Liz Heazell, Mervyn Loynes, Mike Mason,
Deborah Roberts, Bridget Smith, Julia Squier and Bunty Waters

Quorum: 6

There is a pre-meeting session at 4.45pm for members of the Committee only, to plan their lines of enquiry.

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**, which will be held in the **ORCHARD PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE, STANLEY AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE** on **THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2009** at **5.30 p.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

Please note that substitute members need to notify Democratic Services before the start of the meeting of the intended substitution (see paragraph 4.3 of Council Standing Orders).

PAGES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

- 1. Orchard Park Map**
For those persons wishing to tour the area prior to the meeting, please see attached map.
- 2. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence from committee members.

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3. Declarations of Interest

Please note that the Constitution requires that when considering any decision in respect of which a member of the Committee is subject to a party whip, the member must declare the existence of the whip. Under the Code of Conduct, any Councillor who has a personal or prejudicial interest should declare this at the meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2009 as a correct record. The Minutes are attached to the electronic version of this agenda on the Council's website.

5. Public Questions

6. ORCHARD PARK Action Plan: Review

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Representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council will be in attendance.

To access the Scrutiny review relating to Orchard Park dated October 2008, please click onto the following link:

<http://scambsmerngov.co.uk/Published/C00000417/M00004037/AI00027340/AgendaItem05ReportofArburyParkTaskandFinishGroupAppendix1.pdf>

There are 2 reports and appendices included in the agenda papers relating to this item. The first one is entitled 'Progress since the Task & Finish Group Review' and the second one is a Local Member Update. Some of the appendices to the reports are in colour; these, together with the black and white ones, will be projected at the meeting.

7. Review of Medium Term Financial Strategy

Cllr Simon Edwards, Deputy Leader and Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder and Alex Colyer, Executive Director (Corporate Services) will be in attendance at the Committee to present and answer questions on the report that was considered by the Council's Cabinet on 8 October 2009. The report and appendix can be accessed on the Council's website via the following link:

<http://213.210.33.5/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&MId=4415&Ver=4>

8. New Communities Portfolio Holder Presentation

9. Monitoring the Executive

Monitors are invited to inform the Committee of any issues that may warrant further investigation, which occurred at one of the following Portfolio Holder meetings:

Portfolio	Date of meeting	Monitor
Finance & Staffing	6 October 2009	Cllr Roger Hall

		Cllr Mervyn Loynes
Housing	21 October 2009	Cllr Janice Guest Cllr Liz Heazell
Planning and New Communities	5 November 2009	Cllr Val Barrett Cllr Roger Hall

There will also be an update by Councillor Roger Hall in respect of the County Council's Health and Adult Social Care Committee meeting held on 2 November 2009.

10. Future Work Programme

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11. To Note the Dates of Future Meetings

2009: 3 December

2010: 7 January, 4 February, 4 March and 1 April

All meetings will begin at 5.30pm.

The next meeting will take place at Wisbey's Yard Sheltered Housing, Haslingfield

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"I propose that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item number(s) in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act."

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