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Wednesday 24 February 2010

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 3.45pm for members of the Committee only, to evaluate 2009/10 performance and then plan their lines of enquiry, for this meeting.

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**, which will be held in the **BUSINESS SUITE - LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE** on **THURSDAY, 4 MARCH 2010** 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

The Council is committed to improving, for all members of the community, access to its agendas and minutes. We try to take all circumstances into account but, if you have any specific needs, please let us know, and we will do what we can to help you.

AGENDA

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence from committee members.
- 2. 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.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2010, as a correct record.

4. Public Questions

5. Youth Participation Strategy (Key)

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6. Presentation from the Housing Portfolio Holder

7. Scrutiny of Choice-Based Lettings (CBL) Policy (Key)

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8. Monitoring the Executive

Members are invited to inform the Committee regarding portfolio meetings attended, specifically:

- issues challenged and the result
- issues where the scrutiny committee could add further value

Portfolio	Date of meeting	Monitor(s)
Finance & Staffing	17 February 2010	Cllr Roger Hall Cllr Mervyn Loynes
Housing	17 February 2010	Cllr Val Barrett Cllr Liz Heazell
Leader	19 February 2010	Cllr John Batchelor
Planning and New Communities	2 March 2010	Cllr Val Barrett Cllr Roger Hall Cllr Bridget Smith
Policy & Performance	8 February 2010	Cllr James Hockney

9. Draft Agenda Programme and Programme of Key Decisions

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10. To Note the Dates of Future Meetings

2010: 1 April at Foxton Village Hall

All meetings will begin at 5.30pm.

Exclusion of Press and Public

The law allows Councils to consider a limited range of issues in private session without members of the Press and public being present. Typically, such issues relate to personal details, financial and business affairs, legal privilege and so on. In every case, the public interest in excluding the Press and Public from the meeting room must outweigh the public interest in having the information disclosed to them. The following statement will be proposed, seconded and voted upon.

"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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