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To: Councillor SM Edwards, Portfolio Holder

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MB Loynes  
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Opposition Spokesman  
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Dear Sir / Madam

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **FINANCE AND STAFFING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING**, which will be held in **MONKFIELD ROOM, FIRST FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2009 at 10.00 a.m.**

Yours faithfully  
**GJ HARLOCK**  
Chief Executive

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

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## **STANDING ITEMS**

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The Portfolio Holder will maintain, for agreement at each meeting, a Forward Plan identifying all matters relevant to the Portfolio which it is believed are likely to be the subject of consideration and / or decision by the Portfolio Holder, or recommendation to, or referral by, the Portfolio Holder to Cabinet, Council, or any other constituent part of the Council. The plan will be updated as necessary. The Portfolio Holder will be responsible for the content and accuracy of the forward plan.

### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The Portfolio Holder is requested to confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 3 November 2009.

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