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8 December 2011

To: Chairman – Councillor Francis Burkitt  
Vice-Chairman – Councillor David McCraith  
Members of the Corporate Governance Committee – Councillors John Batchelor,  
Richard Barrett, Douglas de Lacey, Charles Nightingale and John Williams  
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 **FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2011 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  
**JEAN HUNTER**  
Chief Executive

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<b>AGENDA</b>		<b>PAGES</b>
<b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> To receive apologies for absence from committee members.		
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>		
<b>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2011 as a correct record.		<b>1 - 4</b>
<b>4. Plain English Accounts</b> To receive a draft, and to consider and approve the accounts. <b>Report to Follow</b>		
<b>5. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000: Office of Surveillance Commissioners Inspection Report and Quarterly Update on use of RIPA</b> The inspection report is marked as restricted and therefore confidential by		<b>5 - 8</b>

the Office of the Surveillance Commissioners. As a result, Appendix A to this report is confidential and exempt from disclosure because the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the requirement for the information to be kept confidential.

Committee members and supporting officers will receive Appendix A in hard copy. Other Members can obtain a copy from Democratic Services.

**6. Audit Reports**

**6 (a) Internal Audit Progress Report** **9 - 18**

**6 (b) External Audit Reports** **19 - 38**

**7. Matters of Topical Interest**

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

Members are asked to bring their diaries.

The next meeting will be on Friday 23 March 2012 (moved from 30 March) starting at 9.00am.

The Committee is asked to confirm as meetings the following dates in 2012-13, all meetings starting at 9.00am.

- Friday 29 June 2012
- Friday 28 September 2012
- Friday 14 December 2012
- Friday 22 March 2013

**OUR VISION**

- We will make South Cambridgeshire a safe and healthy place where residents are proud to live and where there will be opportunities for employment, enterprise and world-leading innovation.
- We will be a listening Council, providing a voice for rural life and first-class services accessible to all.

**OUR VALUES**

We will demonstrate our corporate values in all our actions. These are:

- Trust
- Mutual respect
- A commitment to improving services
- Customer service

## **GUIDANCE NOTES FOR VISITORS TO SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE HALL**

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### **Emergency and Evacuation**

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- **Do not** use the lifts to exit the building. If you are unable to negotiate stairs by yourself, the emergency staircase landings are provided with fire refuge areas, which afford protection for a minimum of 1.5 hours. Press the alarm button and wait for assistance from the Council fire wardens or the fire brigade.
- **Do not** re-enter the building until the officer in charge or the fire brigade confirms that it is safe to do so.

### **First Aid**

If someone feels unwell or needs first aid, please alert a member of staff.

### **Access for People with Disabilities**

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### **Toilets**

Public toilets are available on each floor of the building next to the lifts.

### **Recording of Business and Use of Mobile Phones**

The Council is committed to openness and transparency. The Council and all its committees, sub-committees or any other sub-group of the Council or the Executive have the ability to formally suspend Standing Order 21.4 (prohibition of recording of business) upon request to enable the recording of business, including any audio / visual or photographic recording in any format.

Use of social media during meetings is permitted to bring Council issues to a wider audience. To minimise disturbance to others attending the meeting, all attendees and visitors are asked to make sure that their phones and other mobile devices are set on silent / vibrate mode during meetings.

### **Banners, Placards and similar items**

No member of the public shall be allowed to bring into or display at any Council meeting any banner, placard, poster or other similar item. The Chairman may require any such item to be removed.

### **Disturbance by Public**

If a member of the public interrupts proceedings, the Chairman will warn the person concerned. If they continue to interrupt, the Chairman will order their removal from the meeting room. If there is a general disturbance in any part of the meeting room open to the public, the Chairman may call for that part to be cleared.

### **Smoking**

Since 1 July 2008, the Council has operated a Smoke Free Policy. Visitors are not allowed to smoke at any time within the Council offices, or in the car park or other grounds forming part of those offices.

### **Food and Drink**

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