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South **Cambridgeshire** District Council

To: Chairman - Councillor David Bard

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Steve Harangozo

Members of the Climate Change Working Group - Councillors Tom Bygott, Jose Hales, Douglas de Lacey, Mick Martin, Ted Ridgway Watt, Bridget Smith

and David Whiteman-Downes

Quorum:

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP, which will be held in MONKFIELD ROOM, FIRST FLOOR at South Cambridgeshire Hall on FRIDAY, **12 AUGUST 2011** at **10.00 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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AGENDA PAGES 1. **Apologies for Absence** To receive apologies for absence from committee members. **Declarations of Interest** 2. 3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 1 - 2 3 - 12 4. **Climate Change Action Plan: 2011-2013** 13 - 16 5. Installation of Photovoltaic Panels at South Cambridgeshire Hall 17 - 26 6. The South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership: **New Opportunities and Long Term Delivery Options** 7. Work Programme 2011/12 With this meeting of the Working Group being the first since the Elections

in May, and with several new Members joining the Group, it would seem appropriate for Members to consider the shape of an outline Work programme for the rest of the year.

The Working Group is currently scheduled to have 4 formal meetings a year, supplemented by informal and sub-group meetings as and when required in-between. A key function over this period will be to help facilitate and monitor the delivery of the new Climate Change Action Plan 2011-13.

It is envisaged that the implementation of the Action Plan will raise issues that Members will want to contribute to and participate in taking forward and thus probably act as the point of departure in considering content for an annual work programme (e.g. inviting external speakers or incorporating meetings with relevant off-site visits).

Presently, formal Working Group meetings are scheduled for 6th Sept 2011, 1st November 2011, 6th March 2012 and 1st May 2012. With the re-scheduling of the current meeting, Members may wish to consider converting the 6th Sept 2011 to an informal meeting to discuss and take forward a particular priority project or urgent matter.

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

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