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27 June 2012

To: Chairman – Councillor Ben Shelton  
Vice-Chairman – Councillor David Whiteman-Downes  
Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee – Councillors Alison Elcox,  
Jose Hales, Roger Hall, Lynda Harford, Mark Hersom, Roger Hickford,  
Douglas de Lacey, Janet Lockwood, Ted Ridgway Watt, Bridget Smith and  
Bunty Waters

Quorum: 6

**There is a pre-meeting session at 6.15pm 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 **SWANSLEY ROOM, GROUND FLOOR** on **THURSDAY, 5 JULY 2012** at **7.00 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  
**JEAN HUNTER**  
Chief Executive

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## AGENDA

## PAGES

### 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 29 March 2012 as a correct record. These minutes can be accessed online: <http://scambsmodern.gov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=417&MId=5459&Ver=4>

**4. Public Questions**

**5. Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

Members are invited to draw on their local knowledge and the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, to make recommendations regarding the Council's response to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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**6. Portfolio Holder Presentation - Environmental Services**

**7. Monitoring the Executive**

The Committee needs to appoint monitors to each portfolio and the following volunteers have come forward:

|                                  |                                      |
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| Leader:                          | Cllr Harford and Cllr Shelton        |
| Finance and Staffing:            | Cllr Hickford and Cllr Shelton       |
| Corporate and Customer Services: | Cllr Hales and Cllr Harford          |
| Environmental Services:          | Cllr Elcox and Cllr Lockwood         |
| Housing:                         | Cllr Hales and Cllr Waters           |
| Northstowe:                      | Cllr Bridget Smith                   |
| Planning & Economic Development: | Cllr Hales                           |
| Planning Policy and Localism:    | Cllr de Lacey and Cllr Bridget Smith |

Scrutiny monitors are invited to inform the Committee regarding Portfolio Holder meetings attended and specifically report on:

- Issues challenged and the result
- Issues where the Committee could add further value

| <b>Portfolio</b>                | <b>Dates of meetings</b> | <b>Monitor(s)</b>                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Housing                         | 13 June                  | Jose Hales<br>Bunty Waters        |
| Planning Policy and Performance | 3 July                   | Bridget Smith<br>Douglas de Lacey |

A report has been written by Cllr Bunty Waters on the Housing Portfolio Holder meeting of 13 June. A report has also been written by Cllr Bridget Smith on the Adult Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Committee.

**8. Scrutiny Work Programme**

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**9. To Note the Dates of Future Meetings**

The following meeting dates have been agreed for 2012/13:  
**2012: 6 September 7pm, 1 November (Finance Workshop) & 5 November 2pm**

**2013: 10 January 2pm, 11 February (Finance Workshop), 14 February 2pm, 21 March 2pm & 23 April 7pm**

The times of these meetings are to be discussed at this meeting.

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

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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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### **OUR VISION**

South Cambridgeshire will continue to be the best place to live and work in the country. Our district will demonstrate impressive and sustainable economic growth. Our residents will have a superb quality of life in an exceptionally beautiful, rural and green environment. The Council will be recognised as consistently innovative and a high performer with a track record of delivering value for money by focussing on the priorities, needs and aspirations of our residents, parishes and businesses.

### **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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