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South CambridgeshireDistrict Council

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To:

Members of the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee – Councillors Trisha Bear (South Cambridgeshire District Council), Brian Burling (South Cambridgeshire District Council), Lynda Harford (South Cambridgeshire District Council), David Jenkins (Cambridgeshire County Council), Ray Manning (Cambridgeshire County Council), Mason (Cambridgeshire County Council), Read (Cambridgeshire County Council), Alex Riley (South Cambridgeshire District Council), Edd Stonham (South Cambridgeshire District Council) and Tim Wotherspoon (South Cambridgeshire District Council)

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of NORTHSTOWE JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE, which will be held in COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR at South Cambridgeshire Hall on WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2014 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

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- 1. Election of Chairman
- 2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman
- 3. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from committee members.

- 4. Declarations of Interest
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2013 as a correct record.

- 7. Education proposals: Phase 1
- 8. Highways Agency: Consultation update and scoping note on transport assessment
- 9. Proposed times and dates of future meetings

Meetings are currently shown online as being at 10.00am on the following Wednesdays:

2014 - 19 February, 26 March*, 23 April*, 28 May

Officers recommend that the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee continues to meet on Wednesdays as follows: 2014 - 25 June*, 30 July, 27 August, 24 September, 29 October*. 26 November* and, provisionally, 17 December 2015 - 28 January, 25 February, 25 March and 27 May (Council Chamber not available in April due to Elections)

Of the 15 dates listed above, the five marked * are likely to clash with Executive Management Team meetings at South Cambridgeshire District Council. EMT is an officer-only meeting starting at 9.30am, and attended by the Planning and New Communities Director.

Members are asked to consider this clash when deciding when Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee meetings should begin: 10.00am or 2.00pm.

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