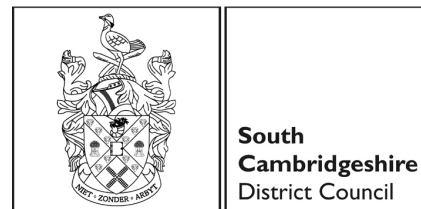


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26 June 2013

To: Chairman – Councillor Roger Hickford
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Sue Ellington
Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee – Councillors David Bard,
Alison Elcox, Jose Hales, Lynda Harford, Douglas de Lacey, Bridget Smith and
Bunty Waters

Quorum: 6

There is a pre-meeting session at 5pm 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, 4 JULY 2013** at **6.00 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

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence from committee members.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting** 1 - 6
To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2013 as a correct record.

4. Public Questions

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

5. Youth Council Report **7 - 8**

To receive a briefing note on the work of the South Cambridgeshire Youth Council.

6. Mears Annual Report

To consider the Annual Report from Mears, the Council's direct labour contractors for the Housing Service. A copy of the Annual Report will follow in due course and representatives from Mears will be in attendance at the meeting.

7. Communications Strategy **9 - 20**

To consider the Communications Strategy. The Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Customer Services will present this item.

8. Amendments to the Council's Constitution **21 - 38**

To consider a report setting out proposed changes to the Constitution following the Council's decision at its Annual General Meeting to abolish the Sustainable Energy Committee and establish the Partnerships Review Committee as a second scrutiny and overview committee.

STANDING ITEMS

9. Corporate Forward Plan **39 - 46**

To consider the items contained in the Council's Forward Plan for possible future scrutiny.

10. Work Programme 2013/14 **47 - 52**

To consider the Scrutiny and Overview Committee's work programme for 2013/14.

11. Monitoring the Executive

(a) The Committee is required to appoint monitors to each Cabinet Portfolio.

(b) Scrutiny monitors are invited to report to the Committee regarding Portfolio Holder meetings attended since the last meeting and specifically raise any issues challenged and the result and/or issues where the Committee could add further value. The meetings were as follows:

- Planning and Economic Development, 28 May 2013 (Cllr Jose Hales)
- Planning Policy and Localism, 11 June 2013 (Cllrs Douglas de Lacey & Bridget Smith)
- Housing, 19 June 2013 (Jose Hales and Bunty Waters)

12. To Note the Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates have been agreed for 2013/14, commencing at 6pm:

- 05 September 2013
- 07 November 2013
- 16 January 2014
- 11 February 2014
- 03 April 2014

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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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