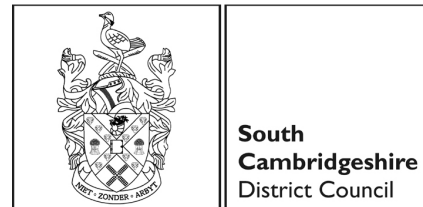


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30 October 2013

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 1.00pm 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, 7 NOVEMBER 2013** at **2.00 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**  
An apology for absence has been received from Councillor Roger Hickford.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2013 as a correct record.

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**4. Public Questions**

None received.

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

**5. ICT Update**

**7 - 8**

Councillor David Whiteman-Downes will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions arising from the attached briefing note.

**6. Conservation Service Review**

Councillor Nick Wright will be in attendance at the meeting to inform the Committee on the conclusion reached so far from the review process.

**7. Enforcement & Inspection Review Update - Verbal Report**

**ITEM FOR PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

**8. Position Statement: Finance, Performance and Risk**

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This item will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 19 November 2013.

**STANDING ITEMS**

**9. Work Programme 2013/14**

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**10. Monitoring the Executive**

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 Policy and Localism, 17 September 2013 (Cllr Bridget Smith)

Leader's, 24 September 2013 (Cllr Lynda Harford)

Environmental Services, 24 September 2013 (Cllr David Bard)

Finance and Staffing, 15 October 2013 (Cllr Roger Hickford)

Housing, 16 October 2013 (Cllr Bunty Waters)

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

16 January 2014 at 6pm

11 February 2014 at 2pm

03 April 2014 at 6pm

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The Council will be recognised as consistently innovative and a high performer with a track record of delivering value for money by focusing on the priorities, needs and aspirations of our residents, parishes and businesses.

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- Mutual respect
- A commitment to improving services
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