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South
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District Council

To: Chairman – Councillor Ben Shelton

Vice-Chairman - Councillor James Hockney

Members of the Partnerships Review Committee – Councillors David Bard, Andrew Fraser, Jose Hales, Roger Hall, Janet Lockwood, Tony Orgee and

**Neil Scarr** 

housing services.

Quorum: 5

#### **Dear Councillor**

You are invited to attend the next meeting of Partnerships Review Committee, which will be held in the Swansley Room A and B - Ground Floor on Thursday, 22 January 2015 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** 1. **Apologies** To receive apologies for absence from committee members. 2. **Declarations of Interest** 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** 1 - 4 To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2014 as a correct record. **Public Questions** 4. 5. Housing update 5 - 14 The Director of Housing will be in attendance to provide an update on

# 6. Reports from Members appointed to outside bodies To consider update reports from Members appointed to represent the Council on outside bodies. 15 - 48

# 7. Work Programme 2014/15

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To consider the Partnerships Review Committee's work programme for 2014/15.

At its meeting on 10 July 2014, the Executive Management Team (EMT) proposed a number of potential items for future scrutiny by the Partnerships Review Committee, a number of which the committee has since looked at. Further items suggested by EMT, which the committee may wish to consider are:

- Review of the joint procurement of a Cambridgeshire Handy Person Scheme
- Making Assets Count

The Council's Forward Plan is also attached for the committee to consider the items contained in this for possible future scrutiny.

# 8. Dates of Future Meetings

- Thursday 19 March 2015, 2pm
- Thursday 28 May 2015, 2pm (please note this proposed date has been changed from the originally scheduled 7 May 2015 meeting which clashes with the elections)

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### **OUR VALUES**

We will demonstrate our corporate values in all our actions. These are:

- Trust
- Mutual respect
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