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South Cambridgeshire District Council

To: Chairman – Eric Revell

Members of the Standards Committee Local Assessment Panel: Bob Bryant Parish Member (Substitute)

Michael Farrar Parish Member

Kathy English Independent Member (Substitute)

Alan Hampton Independent Member

Dear Member of Assessment Panel

You are invited to attend the next **STANDARDS COMMITTEE LOCAL ASSESSMENT PANEL**, which will be held in **MEZZANINE**, **SECOND FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **MONDAY**, **10 MAY 2010** at **10.00** a.m.

Yours faithfully SJ Hampson Monitoring Officer

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