# Scrutiny and Overview Committee Scoping Tool

## Proposed item for scrutiny:

South Cambs Ltd

## Service area and relevant Portfolio Holder:

Service area – Housing

Portfolio Holder – Mark Howell

### Officer support required:

Potential officers to support the committee in considering this item could include:

Stephen Hills (Director of Housing), Geoff Clark (Housing Services Team Leader), Schuyler Newstead (Head of Housing Strategy), Uzma Ali (Housing Development Officer)

## Rationale:

Members have raised concern regarding the potential impact on SCDC service delivery with the introduction of South Cambs Ltd, with concerns raised around the Council potentially trying to do too much, with too little resource. Members wish to ensure that current services will be maintained alongside the successful introduction of South Cambs Ltd.

### Purpose/objective of scrutiny involvement:

- To establish how SCDC will continue to deliver the current service, in addition to South Cambs Ltd.
- To establish how SCDC employees will carry out their existing workload, as well as their new jobs running South Cambs Ltd.
- How will time be allocated to existing services and South Cambs Ltd?
- Are staff being equipped with relevant skills, ready for the introduction of South Cambs Ltd?

#### Methodology/approach:

A small group of Members have discussed this and proposed the initial approach:

- The South Cambs Ltd working group should first be explored before any enquiry is undertaken, to ensure duplication of work is avoided.
- Scrutiny and Overview Committee Members to establish where it can add value to this area through discussions, with relevant officers attending a formal Scrutiny and Overview meeting, or more informally with a separate meeting with Members if preferred.