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12 January 2023

To: Chair – Councillor Stephen Drew

Vice-Chair - Councillor Graham Cone

Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee – Councillors Anna Bradnam, Tom Bygott, Libby Earle, Sue Ellington, Peter Fane, Sally Ann Hart, James Hobro, Helene Leeming, Judith Rippeth,

Richard Stobart and Dr. Aidan Van de Weyer

Quorum: 4

Substitutes: Councillors Heather Williams, Dr. Richard Williams, Bunty Waters,

Mark Howell, Lina Nieto, Annika Osborne, Paul Bearpark, Carla Hofman,

Dr Lisa Redrup and William Jackson-Wood

There is a pre-meeting session at 5pm the day before the meeting, 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 Council Chamber - South Cambs Hall on Thursday, 12 January 2023 at 5.20 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 **Liz Watts** Chief Executive

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## Agenda supplement

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#### 5. Public Questions

If you would like to ask a question or make a statement, then please refer to the

# Document called Public Speaking Scheme (Physical Meetings)

and contact the Scrutiny and Governance Adviser in Democratic Services by no later than 11.59pm on Friday 6 January 2023.

Jennie Conroy will ask the following question and supplement:

#### Question

The GCP Integrated Water Management Study informing the Development Strategy Spatial Options Report Nov 2020 identified that in the case of water supply, over-abstraction of the chalk aquifer is having a detrimental impact on environmental conditions, particularly during dry years and that even without any growth, significant environmental improvements are unlikely to be achievable until major new water supply infrastructure is operational (5.2.25).

Given that AW do not anticipate even their interim measure of transporting water into the region much before 2030 how then can the existing commitments in the Local Plan to 2031 be fulfilled ahead of any further plans for development amongst the key strategic sites identified to take forward in the Development Strategy Update?

## Supplementary Question.

Given the sustainable transport initiatives underway led by GCP and the recent announcement in the government's autumn statement confirming East West Rail, would it not be prudent at this time to include the extension of Cambourne as one of the key strategic sites forming the 'central building blocks' of any future strategy for development as identified in the Development Strategy Update and at least quantify the potential allocation of housing numbers that have yet to be specified?

Mr. Daniel Fulton (Fews Lane Consortium) will make a statement about the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.