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To: The Leader – Councillor RMA Manning  
Deputy Leader – Councillor SM Edwards  
Members of the Cabinet – Councillors Dr DR Bard, Mrs SM Ellington, MP Howell,  
AG Orgee, TJ Wotherspoon and NIC Wright  
Quorum: 4 plus the Leader or Deputy Leader

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **CABINET**, which will be held in the **SWANSLEY ROOM, GROUND FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2009** at **2.00 p.m.**

Yours faithfully  
**GJ HARLOCK**  
Chief Executive

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