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To: Chairman - Councillor PW Topping Vice-Chairman – Councillor RT Summerfield Members of the Corporate Governance Committee - Councillors JD Batchelor, NCF Bolitho, FWM Burkitt, Dr DR de Lacey and Mrs JM Guest 3

Quorum:

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, which will be held in SWANSLEY ROOM, GROUND FLOOR at South Cambridgeshire Hall on WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

Yours faithfully **GJ HARLOCK** Chief Executive

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# **Confidential Item**

The Corporate Governance Committee is requested to consider the exclusion of the Press and public during the consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 & 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended.

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## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 29 June at 9:30am.

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