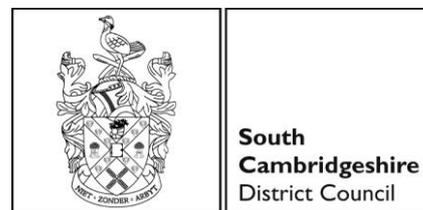


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To: Chairman – Councillor Andrew Fraser
Vice-Chairman – Councillor
Members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee – Councillors
John Batchelor, Simon Crocker, Christopher Cross, Roger Hall,
Douglas de Lacey, Tony Orgee and John Williams

Quorum: 3

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**, which will be held in **SWANSLEY ROOM A AND B - GROUND FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2016** at **9.30 a.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
JEAN HUNTER
Chief Executive

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- The 2015/16 annual letter
 - A spreadsheet providing more information on the complaints and enquiries received in the period
 - A spreadsheet providing more information on the decisions made in the period
12. **Treasury Management Annual Report - To Follow**
13. **Matters of Topical Interest**
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15. **Date of Next Meeting**
Members are asked to bring their diaries. It is suggested that a meeting in December is not required and the next meeting of the Committee should be held on
- Friday 31 March at 9:30am.

OUR LONG-TERM VISION

South Cambridgeshire will continue to be the best place to live, work and study in the country. Our district will demonstrate impressive and sustainable economic growth. Our residents will have a superb quality of life in an exceptionally beautiful, rural and green environment.

OUR VALUES

We will demonstrate our corporate values in all our actions. These are:

- Working Together
- Integrity
- Dynamism
- Innovation

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