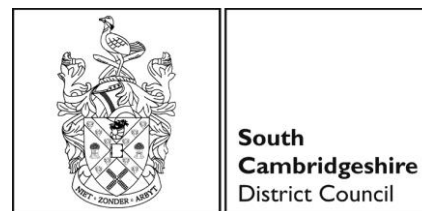


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To: Chair – Councillor Anna Bradnam
Vice-Chair – Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton
Members of the Civic Affairs Committee – Councillors Henry Batchelor,
Dr. Martin Cahn, Nigel Cathcart, Mark Howell, Bridget Smith,
Dr. Aidan Van de Weyer and Heather Williams

Quorum: 3

Substitutes: Councillors Bunty Waters, Nick Wright, Dr. Richard Williams,
Sue Ellington, Graham Cone, Gavin Clayton, Bill Handley, Geoff Harvey,
Steve Hunt and Eileen Wilson

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Civic Affairs Committee**, which will be held in **Council Chamber - South Cambs Hall** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **Tuesday, 7 December 2021 at 10.00 a.m.**

Please note that a training session on the new Code of Conduct for Committee members will commence after the end of the meeting.

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

Pages

Procedural Items

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive Apologies for Absence from Committee members.
2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 1 - 4
To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 and 9 September 2021 as a correct record.

Information Items

4. **Update on Code of Conduct Complaints** 5 - 8

Standing Items

5. **Date of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 2 March at 10 am.

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