

29 February 2008

Dear Councillor

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Environment Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 7.45 pm or at the conclusion of the question and answer session whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

ALASDAIR BOVAIRD

Chief Executive

***Commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions and make statements, subject to having given two working days prior notice.***

## **A G E N D A P A R T I**

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2008 (attached).
- 3 Business Arising.
- 4 Rural Excellence final report  
  
Item for decision  
  
This report advises Members of the recommendation made in the Rural Excellence Report
- 5 Regional Spatial Strategy Single Issue Review: Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England  
  
Item for decision  
  
Members are asked to support the policy and the increase in the number of authorised pitches.

6 Uttlesford Local Development Framework Core Strategy –update

Item for note

This report advises the Committee of the current position of the Core Strategy.

7 Any other items, which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To: - Councillors S Anjum, K R Artus, **S Barker**, C A Cant, R Chamberlain, J F Cheetham, A Dean, C M Dean, C D Down, E J Godwin, E Gower, S J Howell, H J Mason, R D Sherer and A M Wattebot.

Lead Officer: John Mitchell

Committee Officer: Maggie Cox

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