15 June 2011

Dear Councillor

PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Performance and Audit Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Thursday 23 June 2011 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

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 PART I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2011 (attached)
- 3 Action List
- 4 Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report

Item for information

5 External Audit Progress Report

Item for information

6 Audit Fee Letter 2011/12

Item for information

7 International Financial Reporting Standards

Item for information

8 **Review of Financial Regulations and Contracts Procedure Rules**

Item for decision

9 DCLG Consultation on the Future of Local Public Audit

Item for decision

10 **Performance Arrangements**

Item for decision

11 Corporate Risk Arrangements

Item for information

12 Draft Annual Governance Statement 2010/11

Item for decision

13 Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2010/11

Item for information

14 Revised Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Charter and Terms of Reference 2011/12

Item for decision

15 Internal Audit Progress Report

Item for information

Lead Officer: Democratic Services Officer: Richard Auty (01799 510500) Catharine Roberts (01799 510434)

To: Councillors: D Crome, A Dean, K Eden, **S Howell,** D Jones, A Ketteridge, T Knight, E Oliver, E Parr, D Sadler.

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