

13 November 2012

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 22 November 2012 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.**

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