

4 October 2005

Dear Councillor

## **SCRUTINY 2 COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Scrutiny 2 Committee will be held in the Committee Room at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Wednesday 12 October 2005 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 6 July 2005 (previously circulated).
- 3 Business arising.
- 4 Local Government Pension Scheme.  
  
Item for note  
  
A presentation will be given by a speaker from Essex County Council.
- 5 Fees and Charges  
  
Item for decision  
  
A look at the need for a more strategic and structured approach in the way the Council reviews its fees and charges.

6 Annual Internal Audit Report 2004/05.

Item for note

To consider audits for the following services:

- Housing Rents
- Emergency Planning
- Council Tax
- Refuse and Recycling

7 Periodic Electoral Reviews Consultation. (Item to follow)

Item for note

An Eight-year programme of Periodic electoral reviews (PERs) concluded in October 2004, with the completion of 386 reviews covering 35 county councils and 351 district councils in England. The Electoral Commission, having taken over responsibility for The Boundary Committee for England, is undertaking a fundamental evaluation of the policies and processes used by these bodies to guide PERs. The closing date for responses to the consultation is Friday 25 November.

To: Councillors:- H D Baker, C A Bayley, **S Flack**, E Gower, M A Hibbs, R M Lemon, D J Morson, S V Schneider and F E Silver

Lead Officer: Tracy Turner  
Committee Officer: Victoria Harvey

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The agenda is split into two parts. Most of the business is dealt with in Part 1 which is open to the public. Part II includes items which must be discussed in the absence of the press or public, as they might deal with information which is personal or sensitive for some other reason. You will be asked to leave the meeting before Part II items are discussed.

You are entitled to see any of the background papers that are listed at the end of each report.

If you want to inspect background papers or speak before a meeting please contact either Mick Purkiss on 01799 510430, Maggie Cox on 01799 510369, Cathy Roberts on 01799 510434 or

Peter Snow on 01799 510431 or by fax on 01799 510550.

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