HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PANEL held in THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARYS STREET, HUNTINGDON on Wednesday, 29th March 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor C J Stephens – Chairman.

Councillors I C Bates, P J Downes, T V Rogers, L M Simpson, I P Taylor and

R G Tuplin.

32. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

34. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2006-07

The Panel received a report by the Internal Audit Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) to which was appended the Interim Internal Audit and Assurance Plan 2006/07. Having noted the approach that had been taken in revising the plan, it was

RESOLVED

that the report be received and noted.

35. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: USE OF RESOURCES AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

Consideration was given to a joint report by the Heads of Policy and of Financial Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) on the preliminary outcomes of assessments by the Audit Commission and the Council's external auditor on the Use of Resources and on the Direction of Travel Statement, which were part of the CPA process.

Having noted the extent to which the two assessments were likely to impact on the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter to be presented to a future meeting of the Panel, it was

RESOLVED

that the report be received and noted.

36. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to an individual.

37. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN - SETTLEMENT OF COMPLAINT

The Panel received and noted a report by the Director of Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) on a complaint against the Council by a member of the public with regard to the handling of a planning application and the terms of a compensatory payment by way of a local settlement of the complaint.

Chairman