A meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SERVICE SUPPORT) will be held in COUNCIL CHAMBER, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 18.45PM OR ON THE RISING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CORPORATE and STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK) WHICHEVER IS THE LATER and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

PLEASE NOTE START TIME

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APOLOGIES

1. **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 14th October 2008.

Mrs C Bulman 388234

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive declaration from Members as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 overleaf.

3. **GREAT FEN PROJECT** (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive a presentation by the Director of Environmental and Community Services and the Great Fen Project Manager.

M Sharp 388301

(A report by the Director of Environmental and Community Services is attached).

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000: FORWARD PLAN (Pages 11 - 18)

In accordance with the agreed procedure, Members are invited to note the Plan and comment as appropriate on the items contained therein. A copy of the current Forward Plan is attached. Mrs C Bulman 388234

5. GYPSY & TRAVELLER SITES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT: INITIAL ISSUES CONSULTATION DOCUMENT: PRINCIPLES & PROCESSES (Pages 19 - 42)

To consider a joint report by the Heads of Planning Services and Housing Services.

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6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS (Pages 43 - 44)

To consider a joint report by the Heads of Community & Environmental Health, Administration and Policy & Strategic Services updating Members on the preparation of proposals on local and national initiatives in response to the Government's White Paper – Communities in Control: Real Power, Real People.

R Reeves 388003 S Lammin 388280 I Leatherbarrow 388005

7. **HOME WORKING - PILOT SCHEME** (Pages 45 - 48)

To consider a report by the Head of Policy & Strategic Services.

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8. WORKPLAN STUDIES (Pages 49 - 54)

To consider, with the aid of a report by the Head of Administration, the programme of studies.

Mrs C Bulman 388234

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SERVICE SUPPORT) (Pages 55 - 62)

To consider a report by the Head of Administration on decisions taken by the Panel.

Mrs C Bulman 388234

10. SCRUTINY (Pages 63 - 68)

To scrutinise decisions since the last meeting. A copy of the relevant Decision Digest is attached.

Dated this 30 day of October 2008

Chief Executive

Notes

- 1. A personal interest exists where a decision on a matter would affect to a greater extent than other people in the District
 - (a) the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;
 - (b) a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;

- (c) any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
- (d) the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.
- 2. A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

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