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## Corporate Governance Panel

Report of the meeting held on 10th December 2008

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### Matters for Information

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#### 18. CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE 2009/10

In accordance with Section 34 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended), the Panel has approved the amount calculated by the District Council as the tax base for the whole District for the year 2009/10 as 57,960. The amounts for the parts of the District listed below for the same year shall be for the Parish of:-

Abbotsley	188
Abbots Ripton	127
Alconbury	553
Alconbury Weston	282
Alwalton	123
Barham & Woolley	27
Bluntisham	729
Brampton	1,795
Brington & Molesworth	109
Broughton	83
Buckden	1,148
Buckworth	50
Bury	603
Bythorn & Keyston	142
Catworth	142
Chesterton	58
Colne	339
Conington	73
Covington	42
Denton & Caldecote	24
Diddington	29
Earith	573
Easton	75
Ellington	237
Elton	294
Eynesbury Hardwicke	786
Farcet	580
Fenstanton	1,205
Folksworth & Washingley	347
Glatton	129
Godmanchester	2,280
Grafham	241

Great & Little Gidding	122
Great Gransden	454
Great Paxton	368
Great Staughton	317
Haddon	21
Hail Weston	236
Hamerton	40
Hemingford Abbots	327
Hemingford Grey	1,150
Hilton	445
Holme	238
Holywell-cum-Needingworth	971
Houghton & Wyton	1,178
Huntingdon	6,790
Kimbolton & Stonely	592
Kings Ripton	76
Leighton Bromswold	80
Little Paxton	1,144
Morborne	11
Offord Cluny	203
Offord D'Arcy	300
Old Hurst	94
Old Weston	86
Perry	265
Pidley-cum-Fenton	151
Ramsey	2,858
St Ives	5,681
St Neots	9,178
St Neots Rural	118
Sawtry	1,731
Sibson-cum-Stibbington	210
Somersham	1,383
Southoe & Midloe	158
Spaldwick	226
Steeple Gidding	12
Stilton	780
Stow Longa	59
Tetworth	20
The Stukeleys	794
Tilbrook	108
Toseland	37
Upton & Coppingford	85
Upwood & The Raveleys	411
Warboys	1,357
Waresley	125
Water Newton	42
Winwick	39
Wistow	215
Woodhurst	156
Woodwalton	84
Yaxley	2,885
Yelling	136
	<u>57,960</u>

**19. REVIEW OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Panel has endorsed the content of a revised Risk Management Strategy, which has been subject to a review undertaken by the Risk Management Group. The Panel has been assured that appropriate mechanisms are in place to consider the performance and governance arrangements of the Council's partnerships. An exercise also has been undertaken to ensure that associated risks are being flagged up by the Council's performance management system.

**20. REVIEW OF THE ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY**

The Panel has been acquainted with the outcome of a review of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy, which identified a number of recommended changes arising from fraud legislation. Subject to some minor alterations, the Panel has adopted the revised strategy.

**21. WHISTLEBLOWING: ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

The Panel has been informed of the outcome of the annual review of the Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure and has endorsed the changes proposed. The Panel has also recommended that future reports should be considered at the same time as the annual Housing Benefit Fraud Investigation Activity report.

**22. FEEDBACK PROCEDURE**

Having been acquainted with the outcome of a review of the Council's complaints system, the Panel has approved a revised procedure for handling customer feedback. A general feedback procedure has now been established under the new system.

C J Stephens  
Chairman