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To: The Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the North Hertfordshire District Council

(Councillors R.L. Shakespeare-Smith (Chairman), Cathryn Henry (Vice-Chairman), Bill Davidson, Jean Green, John Harris, Steve Hemingway, Sal Jarvis, David Kearns, David Leal-Bennett, Ben Lewis, Sandra Lunn, Gerald Morris, M.R.M. Muir, Frank Radcliffe, Mike Rice and Deborah Segalini).

[Substitutes: Councillors Alan Bardett, John Bishop, John Booth, S.K. Jarvis, Ian Mantle, Alan Millard, Adrian Smith and Michael Weeks]

You are invited to attend a

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

to be held in

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, GERNON
ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY**

on

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

at

7.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,



David Miley
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA
PART I

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	-
2. MINUTES – 29 JULY 2014	-
<p>To take as read and approve as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 29 July 2014.</p>	
3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS	-
<p>Members should notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed by the Committee at the end of the business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>The Chairman will decide whether the item(s) raised will be considered.</p>	
4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	-
<p>Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest which requires they leave the room under Paragraph 7.4 of the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.</p>	
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	-
<p>To receive petitions, comments and questions from members of the public.</p> <p>Public participation requests received within the agreed time will be notified to Members as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Members of the public who have contributed to Task and Finish groups are invited to attend the meeting at which the report is presented.</p>	
6. URGENT/GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS	-
<p>The Chairman to report on any urgent or general exception items which required his agreement. At the time of printing the agenda, the Chairman had not agreed any urgent or general exception items.</p>	

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7.	CALLED-IN ITEMS	-
	To consider any matters referred to the Committee for a decision in relation to a call-in of a decision. At the time of printing the agenda, no items of business had been called-in.	
8.	MEMBERS' QUESTIONS	-
	To receive and respond to any questions from Members either set out in the agenda or tabled at the meeting.	
9.	PRESENTATION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS	-
	To receive a presentation from Councillor Tony Hunter, the Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement and Rural Affairs.	
10.	RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY OFFICER	1
	To consider the outcome of Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolutions.	
11.	ASSET DISPOSAL STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY/Framework REPORT OF THE HEADS OF FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT AND POLICY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.	9
	To consider the Asset Disposal Strategy and Community Asset Transfer Policy/Framework prior to consideration by Cabinet.	
12.	REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) UPDATE AND ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT OF THE CORPORATE LEGAL MANAGER	41
	To consider the Council's use of RIPA and the annual policy review.	
13	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR MONITORING REPORT – FIRST QUARTER 2014	69
	To consider the Performance Indicator information for the first quarter of 2014.	
14.	DBS CHECKS FOR NHDC COUNCILLORS – POLICY POSITIONING REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	79
	To receive a report regarding the approach currently taken in regard to DBS checks for NHDC Councillors.	

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To consider the issues that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee plans to review at future meetings and the activities of its sub-groups.

The dates of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meetings for the Civic Year 2014 – 2015 will be as follows:

**9 December 2014;
20 January 2015;
17 March 2015.**