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**Meeting of the CSFI's Advisory Council, with John Plender. To be held on
Wednesday, January 27, 2010, from 6:30pm to 8:15pm.**
*****Please note this is an evening meeting*****

Astoundingly, we haven't held a meeting of the CSFI's Advisory Council since last February. I suppose that the reason is that the Centre's agenda for 2009 was essentially driven by "events, dear boy, events".

That will probably be true of 2010 as well. Certainly, regulation (over-, under-, dumb and smart) will figure prominently. As will the impact of reversing monetary and fiscal excess on financial markets. And the proper role of the banks...

But it is also important to think a bit further ahead. And that is where the CSFI's Advisory Council comes in. It is our way of looking over the horizon – to set an agenda that isn't dictated solely by the most pressing concerns of the day.

I am sure that you know John Plender, who has chaired our Advisory Council for the last dozen years. A *Financial Times* columnist, he is one of the shrewdest observers of the financial scene writing today. But even he needs assistance from time to time. Hence this invitation: please come and help us set the CSFI's agenda for 2010. What should we be focussing our resources on? What are going to be the big issues of the next year or so? What problems/opportunities are currently getting short shrift?

Thanks to John's chairmanship, these meetings are always good value – for the participants as well as the Centre. Good ideas spring up unbidden, and we usually leave with a lot of food for thought – on top of the food (and wine) provided. So, please do come and share your concerns.

If you can make it, please let us know by e-mailing sophie@csfi.org.uk or by phoning the CSFI on +44 (20) 7493 0173. As I mentioned, refreshments will be provided.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Hilton
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