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Councillor Roger Symonds	Cabinet Member for Transport

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

Cabinet: Wednesday, 13th June, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Cabinet**, to be held on **Wednesday, 13th June, 2012** at **6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Col Spring
for Chief Executive

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The public may also ask a question to which a written answer will be given. Questions must be submitted in writing to Democratic Services at least two full working days in advance of the meeting (this means that for meetings held on Wednesdays, notice must normally be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday but Bank Holidays will cause this to be brought forward). If an answer cannot be prepared in time for the meeting it will be sent out within five days afterwards. Further details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting Col Spring as above.

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- 4. Attendance Register:** Members should sign the Register which will be circulated at the meeting.
- 5. THE APPENDED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER.**
- 6. Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by one of the designated exits and proceed to the named assembly point. The designated exits are sign-posted.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

- 7. Officer Support to the Cabinet**
Cabinet meetings will be supported by the Director's Group.
- 8. Recorded votes**
A recorded vote will be taken on each item.

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in the Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 6

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

To receive any declarations from Members/Officers of personal or prejudicial interests in respect of matters for consideration at this meeting. Members who have an interest to declare are asked to:

- a) State the Item Number in which they have the interest;*
- b) The nature of the interest;*
- c) Whether the interest is personal, or personal and prejudicial.*

Any Member who is unsure about the above should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting in order to expedite matters at the meeting itself.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

6. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

At the time of publication, no items had been submitted

7. STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

At the time of publication, no items had been notified

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 7 - 20)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

9. CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

This is a standard agenda item, to cover any reports originally placed on the Weekly list for single Member decision making, which have subsequently been the subject of a Cabinet Member requisition to the full Cabinet, under the Council's procedural rules

10. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES (Pages 21 - 22)

This is a standing agenda item (Constitution rule 21, part 4D – Executive Procedure Rules) for matters referred by Policy Development and Scrutiny bodies. The Chair(person) of the relevant PDS body will have the right to attend and at the discretion of the Leader to speak to the item, but not vote

11. SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET

MEETING

On this occasion, there were none.

12. ROSSITER ROAD SCHEME DESIGN (Pages 23 - 32)

This scheme to remove through traffic from Widcombe Parade by reversing the direction of Widcombe Parade traffic and introducing 2-way traffic onto Rossiter Road received overwhelming public support but concern was expressed over some of the detailed design. A Steering Group was established to commission an independent review which endorsed the original design of the scheme but recommended some changes to allow the retention of some mature trees, an improved drop-off for Bath Spa Railway station on Rossiter Road itself and improved access to Lyncombe Hill. This report seeks agreement to proceed with the design of the scheme.

13. VICTORIA BRIDGE (Pages 33 - 48)

Victoria Bridge is a Grade II Listed structure, currently on English Heritage's schedule of structures at risk. It is a key route connecting communities, providing a safe route for school children, and a primary link for cyclists on a safe, traffic-free route between the Upper & Lower Bristol Roads. It is a major composing element of the BWR masterplan, providing both connection and an historic focal point for the new housing regeneration.*

Recent structural monitoring of the bridge recorded significant cracks within critical structural members necessitating emergency works to stabilise and protect the bridge from the risk of collapse. The future permanent solution must meet a complex set of design criteria associated with heritage, engineering, safety and maintenance requirements. The Cabinet is requested to agree its preferred option and approve funding for the remainder of the project.

14. LONDON ROAD REGENERATION (Pages 49 - 58)

The Council working closely with the local community, Ward Councillors and Sponsoring Cabinet Member have now created a project framework capable of delivering the objectives of the London Road Scheme. Approval is sought from Cabinet on the project framework and budget to deliver projects within this framework.

15. SALTFORD STATION BUSINESS CASE (Pages 59 - 62)

The potential for reopening Saltford Station has been highlighted recently by a local campaign and the response to the GWR franchise from the West of England. In order to develop the business case for this project funds are required in the order of £250,000 over the next three years. This report seeks funding to take this work forward.

16. VARIOUS ROADS, BATH 2011, TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (Pages 63 - 120)

To consider the points raised during the public consultation of Traffic Regulation Order "(Various Roads, Bath) (Prohibition & Restriction of Waiting)(Authorised Parking Places) Order 201x" and decide whether to proceed with the proposed scheme. The TROs have been proposed for road safety and traffic flow issues within the city.

17. REVIEW OF TAXI LIMITATION POLICY FOLLOWING AN UNMET DEMAND SURVEY (Pages 121 - 132)

The Council regulates the number of taxi licences in the city of Bath. Because of this the Council is under a duty to carry out a review of Unmet Demand from time to time. This report asks the Cabinet to consider the findings of the latest survey and to decide on future policy.

18. JOINT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3: THREE YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2012/13 TO 2014/15 (Pages 133 - 176)

A Delivery Plan is part of the statutory requirement (Local Transport Act 2008) to produce a replacement Local Transport Plan and is an essential part of JLTP3. Cabinet will be asked to approve the plan.

19. STREET LIGHTING - CONVERSION OF LED STREET LIGHTS (Pages 177 - 184)

Cabinet will be asked to approve an initiative to enable half the Councils Street Lighting assets to be converted to modern Light Emitting Diode technology, this would bring significant longer term benefits resulting in reductions in energy usage, carbon emissions and maintenance costs.

20. PROCEDURE FOR DESIGNATION OF LOCAL SITES IN BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET (Pages 185 - 202)

This paper sets out the procedure for assessing and designating Sites of Nature Conservation Interest and Regionally Important Geological Sites (collectively known as "Local Sites") using an objective process and criteria. Adoption of this criteria-based and objective process for designation of Local Sites will bring the Council in line with the current guidance, increase the robustness and defensibility of the system, raise standards and improve consistency of approach.

21. RADSTOCK NURSERY ACCOMMODATION (Pages 203 - 216)

The Cabinet will be asked to agree works to separate Radstock Nursery accommodation from Academy of Trinity School, Woodborough Lane for nursery and children centre activities and to provide purpose built modular building for 2-3 yr old and baby day care on another site

22. CORPORATE PLAN (Pages 217 - 240)

This report introduces the Corporate Plan 2012 - 2015 ready for submission to Council on 19 July