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Co-opted Non-Voting Members: Chris Batten, Stuart Bradfield, Dawn Harris and Peter Mountstephen

Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Youth: Councillor Nathan Hartley

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
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Dear Member

Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny: Monday, 18th July, 2011

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny**, to be held on **Monday, 18th July, 2011** at **4.30 pm** in the **Brunswick Room - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Mark Durnford
for Chief Executive

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at 4.30 pm in the Brunswick Room - 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 AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Members who have an interest to declare are asked to:

- a) State the Item Number in which they have the interest
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6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

At the time of publication no notifications had been received.

7. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PARLIAMENT FEEDBACK

The Panel will receive a verbal update on this item from the Strategic Planning Officer within the Children's Health & Commissioning Service.

8. CHILDREN'S SERVICE SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS AND REPRESENTATIONS ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 7 - 24)

This report details the operation of the statutory complaints procedure for social care in Children's Services for the period April 2010 to March 2011.

9. LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11 AND WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12 (Pages 25 - 70)

The Panel considered the Report into the effectiveness of Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) arrangements at its meeting on 12th July 2010 and agreed to proposals to consider and make any recommendations for the LSCB's Annual Report for 2010/11. The Panel has requested the opportunity to discuss the Annual Report and Work Programme, and to consider how it will best contribute to the Annual Report of 2011/12.

10. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY FINAL REPORT AND ACTION PLAN (Pages 71 - 170)

The Childcare Act 2006 requires local authorities to carry out and publish a sufficiency assessment of childcare in their area at least every 3 years. Local authorities carried out their first assessment in 2008 and the subsequent report completed by April 2011. The draft report for 2011 was presented to the then Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 17th January 2011 who recommended that "at a later date the Panel will review, comment and endorse the action plan arising from the final published Childcare Sufficiency Report 2011."

11. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2010 - 11 (Pages 171 - 190)

The Plan sets out how the Local Authority's statutory responsibility to prevent youth offending is to be resourced, delivered and monitored, in partnership with Police, Probation and Health Services. It includes local and national priorities and initiatives. Since 2005, the relevant Council Overview and Scrutiny Panel have received reports on delivery of the Youth Justice Plan.

12. CHILD PROTECTION ACTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE (Pages 191 - 198)

This report details progress in respect of the key indicators of child protection activity as reported in the Annual Report. The report details the position at the end of the final quarter of 2010/11.

13. THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIES IN BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET - UPDATE REPORT (Pages 199 - 202)

This report intends to inform the Panel of the current position and work underway to prepare for the future of Academies.

14. CHILDREN'S SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT (Pages 203 - 212)

This report intends to inform the Panel of work underway to establish a new People and Communities Department by April 2013.

15. CO-OPTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY PANEL (Pages 213 - 214)

This report invites the Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel to note the arrangements for co-opted membership of the Panel when dealing with schools matters.

16. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

This item gives the Panel an opportunity to ask questions to the Cabinet Member and for him to update them on any current issues.

17. CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

The Panel will receive a verbal update on this item from the Director of Children's Services.

18. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 215 - 228)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel (Appendix 1) as well as information to help Panel members identify any additional items for the workplan.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Mark Durnford who can be contacted on 01225 394458.