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**To: All Members of the Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**

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Dear Member

**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel:
Thursday, 24th May, 2012**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Thursday, 24th May, 2012 at 1.00 pm** in the
Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Jack Latkovic
for Chief Executive

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**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel -
Thursday, 24th May, 2012**

at 1.00 pm 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 AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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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. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 22ND MARCH 2012 (Pages 9 - 16)

To confirm the minutes of the above meeting as a correct record.

8. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE (15 MINUTES)

The Panel will have an opportunity to ask questions to the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development (Councillor Cherry Beath) and to receive an update on any current issues.

9. RIVER CORRIDOR GROUP REPORT (30 MINUTES) (Pages 17 - 168)

The River Corridor Group (RCG) has produced a report, the Bath River Avon Economy, which includes a number of recommendations. Following the Informal Cabinet meeting on 6th January the item was referred to the Economic and Community Development PDS Panel. The Panel is asked to undertake its review in its Policy Development role and to advise Cabinet on future decisions (if any) with regard to the Panel's recommendations.

The Cabinet will then consider how to move any specific recommendations forward and the (financial) implications of doing so.

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN: POLICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) - NIGHT TIME ECONOMY (30 MINUTES) (Pages 169 - 170)

In 2011 Bath's Business Improvement District (BID) was launched by Future Bath Plus to strengthen the management of the city centre. The scheme works in partnership with the Council and Police to deliver a high quality Bath night time economy that is safe and enjoyable for all.

This report invites the Panel to hear about how the BID consolidates work already underway with the Taxi and Street Marshals, Police, CCTV and radio links.

The Police will also provide a 2011/2012 performance update to highlight the progress made over the last twelve months in particular; improved victim satisfaction, reduction in crime and results on the work with prolific offenders.

The Panel will be invited to an open question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

11. BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET'S TOURISM PERFORMANCE (25 MINUTES) (Pages 171 - 174)

Concerns have been raised across the tourism industry regarding the impact of the 2012 London Olympics and the consequent distribution from London of visitors.

The Panel is asked to note the direction of travel and make any recommendations for future actions.

12. FUTURE BUSINESS SUPPORT (20 MINUTES) (Pages 175 - 178)

In November 2011, the regional Business Link programmes, operated by the Regional Development Agencies closed. Business Link was a free business advice and support service, available on line and through local advisors, to all businesses. In Bath and North East Somerset this was delivered by Business West through a contract worth approximately £6 million a year across the West of England. The offer included free one day start up awareness courses, 3 day start up workshops and 121 advice sessions as well as links into other programmes, such as support for High Growth potential companies. The regional Business Link service has been replaced by a national Business Link website. There is no Government funding currently available for free local business start-up support in Bath and North East Somerset.

This report, and presentation, invites the panel to hear on options for how support may be provided to people wanting to start in business in Bath and North East Somerset in the future.

13. UPDATE ON THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY DAY: THE BENEFIT OF JOINT WORKING TO RETAIN GRADUATES IN BANES (10 MINUTES) (Pages 179 - 218)

At its meeting on the 18th November 2011 the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel agreed to undertake a Scrutiny Inquiry Day into the benefits of joint working to retain graduates in Bath & North East Somerset. The aim of this investigation was to identify what local businesses and organisations are doing now to retain graduates and what plans they have for the future. This would then help the Council identify how we can best work together to support these efforts, through a greater understanding of what more still needs to be done and through discussions with key stakeholders about how this is achievable, thus ensuring that Bath & North East Somerset is attractive to graduates and graduate employers.

The Economic & Community Development Policy and Scrutiny Panel held the single inquiry day on the 18th April 2012. It was a successful event which brought together a wide selection of key stakeholders. The inquiry day focused on identifying the current picture and discussing practical and achievable ways that the economy of Bath & North East Somerset can be improved through the retention of graduates.

The findings and outcomes are detailed within the attached briefing report along with the jointly agreed recommendations/ action plans which were developed on the day.

The Economic and Community Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

- Consider and make any further comments to the Scrutiny Day Inquiry findings
- Consider the joint recommendations table, and make any further comments before they are submitted to the relevant Cabinet Members and Partners.

14. WORKPLAN (Pages 219 - 226)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jack Latkovic who can be contacted on 01225 394452.