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

Councillor Robin Moss
Councillor Ben Stevens
Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones
Councillor Brian Simmons
Councillor Michael Evans
Councillor Lisa Brett
Councillor Manda Rigby

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel:
Thursday, 27th September, 2012**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Thursday, 27th September, 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, 27th September, 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

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to indicate:

(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

(b) The nature of their interest.

(c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** or an **other interest**,
(as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

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5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

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 12TH JULY 2012 (Pages 9 - 16)

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

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN: 'STUDENT WATCH' - BATH SPA UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF BATH (20 MINUTES) (Pages 17 - 22)

In June 2010, Bath and North East Somerset's 'Student Watch' was launched by the Community Safety Partnership to strengthen students' safety awareness and, to reduce the risk of students becoming victims of crime.

This report invites the Panel to receive and ask questions of a presentation about how this scheme has progressed since 2010 and the outcomes it has achieved.

9. ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE - UPDATE (25 MINUTES) (Pages 23 - 32)

This report updates the Panel on the progress in implementing the provisions of the Localism Act relating to assets of community value.

10. SCRUTINY INQUIRY DAY: THE RIVER CORRIDOR REPORT (10 MINUTES) (Pages 33 - 40)

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

- Note the Terms of Reference and agree the proposal to have a joint Scrutiny Inquiry Day investigation
- Confirm that Councillors Anketell-Jones, Moss and Stevens from the Panel will act as key contacts for the co-ordination of the Single Inquiry day
- To make any initial suggestions for invitations to the Inquiry Day.

11. BDUK - CONNECTING DEVON AND SOMERSET BROADBAND PROJECT (20 MINUTES) (Pages 41 - 46)

The Connecting Devon and Somerset programme is led by Devon and Somerset County Councils in partnership with Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay Councils. It aims to provide 100% broadband coverage of at least 2Mbps with a minimum of 85% superfast broadband at 24Mbps by 2015 and superfast broadband for all by 2020.

The Economy Community Development Policy Development Scrutiny Panel is asked to note the contents of this report for information.

12. X MEDIA LAB (20 MINUTES) (Pages 47 - 50)

X Media Lab – the international digital media conference took place on 16th March 2012 with the theme of Digital Entertainment: Media Music Mobility.

Alongside the conference programme ran an expo to showcase the best of Bath

businesses who are leading the way in terms of cutting edge technology.

“The Lab” took place Over 2 days at Real World Studios in Box. It comprised 18 selected companies working directly with their selected Lab mentors on their own project ideas and the opportunity to explore partnerships and business opportunities with other Lab participants.

X Media Lab conference, expo and lab were part of the Bath Digital Festival 2012 - a week-long series of events that took place across the city. The events included OpenMIC, the Big M, a Hack Day, BathSPARK Awards, and ‘Web for the Terrified, Coding.

The Economy and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to agree to:

- Note the contents of this report for information
- To endorse the approach set out in 3.4 whereby next steps include exploring alternative delivery models and core sponsorship, such that the Council may make a fixed contribution but is not required to underwrite the project.

13. REGENERATION UPDATE (20 MINUTES) (Pages 51 - 64)

This is a routine report for update on Regeneration activity, as requested by the Panel Chair.

14. BATH FESTIVALS CONTRACT: ANNUAL REVIEW (20 MINUTES) (Pages 65 - 84)

Report to the Panel on the performance of Bath Festivals. Bath Festivals is currently contracted to deliver services to B&NES residents for the period 2011-2014. This report summarises their performance to date, and identifies areas for improvement in performance.

15. HERITAGE SERVICES PROVISIONAL TRADING FIGURES DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES PERIOD (20 MINUTES) (Pages 85 - 90)

The report describes the trading performance of Heritage Services during the period of the London Olympic Games and describes the business planning process that took account of their likely effect.

It should be noted that at the time of writing it is too early to fully assess the impact of the Games on business performance. There are numerous other factors such as the unseasonal weather that will have influenced it; performance in August has yet to be analysed; and the effect of the Games on other major attractions will only be known after the autumn Council meeting of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA), against whom we benchmark, later in September.

16. WORKPLAN (Pages 91 - 96)

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.