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**To: All Members of the Planning, Transport and Environment Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**

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Councillor David Martin
Councillor Douglas Nicol

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

**Planning, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Tuesday,
13th September, 2011**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Planning, Transport and Environment Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Tuesday, 13th September, 2011 at 2.00 pm**
in the **Brunswick Room - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Mark Durnford
for Chief Executive

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**Planning, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel - Tuesday,
13th September, 2011**

at 2.00 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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- c) Whether the interest is personal, or personal and prejudicial

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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 - 26TH JULY 2011 (Pages 7 - 20)

8. DRAFT BATH PARKING STRATEGY (Pages 21 - 38)

The Bath Parking Strategy sets out Bath and North East Somerset Council's approach to parking issues in Bath, providing a framework for managing car parking spaces for the period 2011 to 2026.

9. INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

The Panel will receive a presentation on this item from the Group Manager for Planning Policy & Transport.

10. SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES BRIEFING (Pages 39 - 42)

The Transport Act 1985 places duties on the Council (as the local transport authority) to secure the provision of bus services that it considers appropriate to meet any public transport requirements within the area which would not be provided otherwise. In carrying this out, the Council must have particular regard to the transport needs of the elderly and disabled. This briefing sets out the Council's current position.

11. CORE STRATEGY - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUBMISSION DOCUMENT (Pages 43 - 98)

The Core Strategy has reached a key stage in its preparation. It has been submitted for examination and public hearings are due to in January 2012. The Core Strategy is therefore now under examination. The Inspector has undertaken preliminary assessment of the Core Strategy and has raised a number of concerns which require a response from the Council. Some of these issues may require an amendment to the Core Strategy. If agreed, these amendments will need to undergo community engagement to ensure the Inspector has the full range of views to inform the examination process.

12. DRAFT STRATEGY FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET (Pages 99 - 136)

The Provision Strategy recognises that local councils are no longer the only providers of toilet facilities and that other providers and options must be brought forward to achieve the aim and objectives outlined. It also establishes a framework for future provision in a range of ways and by a range of providers and with a range of funding sources, to achieve an overall improved standard of quality, quantity and distribution.

13. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

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

14. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 137 - 142)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel (Appendix 1).

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