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

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Councillor Ian Gilchrist (Substitute for Neil Butters)  
Councillor David Martin  
Councillor Douglas Nicol

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers  
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Dear Member

**Planning, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Tuesday,  
15th May, 2012**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Planning, Transport and Environment Policy  
Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Tuesday, 15th May, 2012 at 2.00 pm** in the  
**Council Chamber - 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,  
15th May, 2012**

**at 2.00 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

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
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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 - TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2012 (Pages 7 - 18)

8. 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.

9. PROCEDURE FOR DESIGNATION OF LOCAL SITES IN BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET (Pages 19 - 36)

This report sets out the procedure for assessing and designating Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCIs) and Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS), collectively known as "Local Sites" using an objective process and criteria.

10. CORE STRATEGY UPDATE

The Panel will receive a presentation from the Divisional Director of Planning and Transport on this item.

11. SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION & RETROFITTING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (Pages 37 - 108)

A Sustainable Construction & Retrofitting Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been prepared and was approved by Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 for public consultation. This guidance will support the Council's Core Strategy policies on these issues. The guidance within this SPD is aimed at householders and small scale house builders and includes practical advice, tips and information including planning, building control and historic buildings advice.

12. GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) (Pages 109 - 254)

The Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) is a formal planning document being prepared by the Council which will allocate land for the development of authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches across the District. The Preferred Options document is the second stage of consultation, following on from the Issues and Options consultation that took place between November 2011 and January 2012.

13. DRAFT CONCEPT STATEMENTS FOR MOD SITES IN BATH (Pages 255 - 300)

At its meeting on 13th March 2012, the panel considered an update report on the draft MoD site Concept Statements. Since then the Cabinet has agreed the draft Concept Statements for the redevelopment of the MoD sites at Ensleigh, Foxhill and Warminster Road in Bath. The Panel also considered the proposals for public consultation. The Concept Statements are now undergoing a broad public

consultation exercise and the Panel is now being asked for its views on the Concept Statements before they are reported back to Cabinet for endorsement in July.

14. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 301 - 308)

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.