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**To: All Members of the Council**

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers

Press and Public

Dear Member

**Annual and Ordinary meeting of the Council: Thursday, 10th May, 2012**

You are invited to attend the Annual and Ordinary meeting of the **Council** to be held on **Thursday, 10th May, 2012 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Sandwiches and fruit and tea/coffee/cold drinks will be available for Councillors from 5pm in the Aix-en-Provence Room (next to the Banqueting Room) on Floor 1.

Yours sincerely

Jo Morrison

Democratic Services Manager

for Chief Executive

**Please note the following arrangements for pre-group meetings:**

**Conservative**

**Brunswick Room, Ground Floor**

**Liberal Democrat**

**Kaposvar Room, Floor 1**

**Labour**

**Small Meeting Room, Floor 1**

**Independent**

**Performance and Improvement Team Office, Floor 1**

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## NOTES:

1. **Inspection of Papers:** Any person wishing to inspect minutes, reports, or a list of the background papers relating to any item on this Agenda should contact Jo Morrison who is available by telephoning Bath 01225 394358.
2. **Details of decisions taken at this meeting** can be found in the minutes which will be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime, details can be obtained by contacting as above. Papers are available for inspection as follows:

**Public Access points** – Guildhall – Bath, Riverside – Keynsham, Hollies – Midsomer Norton, and Bath Central, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton Public Libraries.

For Councillors and officers, papers may be inspected via Political Group Research Assistants and Group Rooms/Members' Libraries.

3. **Spokespersons:** The Political Group Spokespersons for the Council are the Group Leaders, who are Councillors Paul Crossley (Liberal Democrat Group), Francine Haerberling (Conservative Group), John Bull (Labour Group) and Doug Deacon (Independent Group).
4. **Attendance Register:** Members should sign the Register, which will be circulated at the meeting.
5. **Public Speaking at Meetings:** The Council has a scheme to encourage the public to make their views known at meetings. They may make a statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also present a petition or a deputation on behalf of a group. They may also ask a question to which a written answer will be given. **Advance notice is required not less than two full working days before the meeting. This means that for meetings held on Thursdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 5.00pm the previous Monday.** Further details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting Jo Morrison as above.
6. THE APPENDED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER.

## 7. Emergency Evacuation Procedure

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by one of the designated exits and proceed to the named assembly point. The designated exits are sign-posted.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

8. **Presentation of reports:** Officers of the Council will not normally introduce their reports unless requested by the meeting to do so. Officers may need to advise the meeting of new information arising since the agenda was sent out.

**A G E N D A**

1. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 7.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It is a legal requirement that the first formal business at the Annual General Meeting shall be the election of a Councillor to be the Chair(man) of the Council. The term of office of the Chair(man) expires on the election of his/her successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2013.

The present Chair(man) of the Council is Councillor Peter Edwards who will preside over the election of his successor.

Once the new Chair(man) is elected, he will make and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and receive the Chain of Office from the former Chair(man), after which he may address the Council.

The newly elected Chair(man) will preside from this point in the proceedings.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR(MAN)

The Council will be invited to appoint a Councillor to be the Vice-Chair(man) of the Council. The term of office of the Vice-Chair(man) expires on the election of his successor at the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2013.

Once the new Vice-Chair(man) is elected, he will make and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and receive the Badge of Office from the Chair(man), after which he may thank the Council for the appointment.

4. MINUTES - 14TH FEBRUARY 2012 AND 28TH MARCH 2012 (Pages 7 - 20)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair(man).

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

6. 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 complete the green interest forms circulated to groups in their pre-meetings (which will be announced at the Council Meeting) 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 **personal and prejudicial** or **personal**.

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

These are matters of information for Members of the Council. No decisions will be required arising from the announcements.

8. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

If there is any urgent business arising since the formal agenda was published, the Chairman will announce this and give reasons why he has agreed to consider it at this meeting. In making his decision, the Chairman will, where practicable, have consulted with the Leaders of the Political Groups. Any documentation on urgent business will be circulated at the meeting, if not made available previously.

9. REPORT OF URGENT DECISION - TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

In accordance with the rules within the Constitution concerning Chief Officer's action (Urgency - Part 4 (G) rule 3), it is reported that the Chief Executive took a decision in February 2012 to support the early implementation of the 2012/13 Treasury Management strategy to enable current treasury activity with the Nat West Bank (the Council's appointed main bankers) to be maintained, following the downgrading alert for its parent company, Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

This decision was deemed as urgent and as falling within Council policy and was taken following consultation with Political Group Leaders.

10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS AND OTHER ANNUAL BUSINESS (Pages 21 - 74)

This report invites Council to consider its non-executive and regulatory committee arrangements for the Council year May 2012 to May 2013 and associated annual business.

11. THE COUNCIL'S VISION AND VALUES (Pages 75 - 80)

Following the Cabinet resolution in February 2012 to refresh the Vision, replace the eight priorities with three objectives and create a series of outcomes and values to help determine the kind of organisation the Council wants to be, these developments are now presented to Council for adoption.

12. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Democratic Services Manager will announce any submissions received under the arrangements set out in note 5 above. The Council will be invited to decide what action

it wishes to take, if any, on the matters raised in these submissions. As the questions received and the answers given will be circulated in written form there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The questions and answers will be published with the draft minutes.

13. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Democratic Services Manager will announce any submissions received. The Council will be invited to decide what action it wishes to take, if any, on the matters raised in these submissions. As the questions received and the answers given will be circulated in written form there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The questions and answers will be published with the draft minutes.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jo Morrison who can be contacted on 01225 394358.