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Co-opted Non-Voting Members: Chris Batten, Peter Mountstephen and Dawn Harris

Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children & Youth: Councillor Nathan Hartley

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
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Dear Member

Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Monday, 9th July, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Monday, 9th July, 2012 at 4.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Mark Durnford
for Chief Executive

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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
- 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 - 21ST MAY 2012 (Pages 7 - 16)

8. YOUTH DEMOCRACY & PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW (PRIMARY / YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT FEEDBACK)

The Panel will receive a presentation relating to this item.

9. CHILDREN'S CENTRES BRIEFING (Pages 17 - 30)

This is a briefing for Members on the current activities, issues and future pressures for Children's Centres in the Council.

10. PLAY SERVICE BRIEFING (Pages 31 - 34)

This is a briefing for Members on the current activities, issues and future pressures for Play Services in the Council.

11. FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARE POLICY (Pages 35 - 62)

This report provides an opportunity for elected Members to scrutinise and comment on the draft Bath and North East Somerset Council Family and Friends Care policy before it is finalised for consideration by Cabinet.

12. SAFEGUARDING AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 63 - 102)

This report details the process, contents, judgements and main findings from the Ofsted/Care Quality Commission's Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children Services undertaken between 9th – 20th January 2012, and outlines how the Council's Children's Service and its partners have responded to the inspection report's recommendations for areas for improvement. The attached report details progress with the Children's Service Improvement Plan as at 30th June 2012.

13. PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

The Panel will receive a verbal update on this item from the People and Communities Strategic Director.

14. CO-OPTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY PANEL RELATING TO SCHOOL MATTERS (Pages 103 - 106)

This report invites the Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel to amend the arrangements for co-opted membership of the Panel dealing with schools matters.

15. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 107 - 116)

This report presents the latest Policy Development & Scrutiny Workplan for the Panel.

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