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**To: All Members of the Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**

**Councillors:** Sally Davis, Sarah Bevan, Liz Hardman, David Veale, Loraine Morgan-Brinkhurst MBE and Michael Evans

**Co-opted Voting Members:** David Williams

**Co-opted Non-Voting Members:** Chris Batten, Peter Mountstephen and Mike Fidanoglu

**Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children & Youth:** Councillor Dine Romero

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers  
Press and Public

Dear Member

**Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Monday, 23rd September, 2013**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Monday, 23rd September, 2013 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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- 4. Attendance Register:** Members should sign the Register which will be circulated at the meeting.
- 5. THE APPENDED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER.**
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September, 2013**

**at 4.30 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 (Pages 7 - 12)

8. SPECIAL OLYMPICS GB

The Panel will receive a presentation on this item from the Operations Manager of the Sport and Active Lifestyles Team.

9. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS (Pages 13 - 24)

This report provides a briefing on the pattern of admissions to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2013.

10. SCHOOL EXCLUSIONS (Pages 25 - 30)

The Panel has requested that Officers consider whether there is any correlation between schools becoming academies and the rising number of children being permanently excluded from school (PEX) or fixed term excluded (FTE). This report provides data and hypothesis on whether there is any cause and effect that supports this theory.

11. EXAM RESULTS

The Panel will receive a verbal report on this item.

12. ADOPTION REFORMS (Pages 31 - 34)

This reports seeks to update the Scrutiny Panel on the actions of the Local Authority in response to the Government's recent focus on improving the recruitment of prospective adopters and the increased placement of young children in care into Adoptive placements. The Government has challenged all Local Authorities to improve performance in this area.

13. CONNEXIONS BRIEFING (Pages 35 - 42)

14. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

The Cabinet Member will update the Panel on any relevant issues. Panel members may ask questions.

15. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

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

16. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 43 - 46)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel.

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