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Dear Member

Housing and Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Tuesday, 22nd January, 2013

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Housing and Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Tuesday, 22nd January, 2013 at 5.30 pm** in the **Brunswick Room - Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Mark Durnford
for Chief Executive

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**Housing and Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel - Tuesday, 22nd
January, 2013**

at 5.30 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

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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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 - 20TH NOVEMBER 2012 (Pages 7 - 14)

8. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

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

9. BOAT DWELLERS & RIVER TRAVELLERS TASK AND FINISH GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 15 - 20)

At the last Housing and Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel the Panel received an update on Boat and Mobile Home Dwellers from the Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning, which included a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Council and the Canals and River Trust. The Panel were asked to consider if they wished to undertake any policy review work on this matter and if they would support the MOU. It was agreed at this meeting that there were a number of issues that still needed further investigation and that the Panel should undertake some Task and Finish Group work to explore some of these issues further and report back to the Panel in May 2013.

10. CORE STRATEGY UPDATE (Pages 21 - 26)

The B&NES Core Strategy examination has been suspended in response to concerns raised by the Inspector primarily about the sufficiency of the District's housing land supply. This enables the Council to undertake further work on the Core Strategy including a review of the District's housing need. This review is underway and will lead to changes to the Core Strategy to be considered by Council in February or March 2013.

11. GYPSIES & TRAVELLERS UPDATE

The Panel will receive a verbal update on this item from the Policy & Environment Manager.

12. UPDATE ON PROPOSED PLANNING CONTROLS FOR HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION IN BATH (ARTICLE 4)

The Panel will receive a presentation on this matter.

13. ADDITIONAL LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (Pages 27 - 364)

On 14 March 2012, Cabinet resolved to request that evidence be gathered to ascertain whether the legislative conditions for introducing the additional licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) could be met, and if so, undertake a 10-week public

consultation exercise. The outcome of this process would be subject to a further report to Cabinet, expected to be March 2013, when a decision will be made as to whether to implement additional licensing, and if so, for what parts of the District and classes of HMO. This briefing paper aims to provide the panel with an overview of additional licensing, the results of the evidence collection and consultation exercise.

14. MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE (Pages 365 - 374)

This is a routine report for update on Major Projects, Project Delivery activity.

15. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 375 - 384)

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.