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Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning: Councillor Tim Ball

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Dear Member

Housing and Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Tuesday, 19th November, 2013

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Housing and Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Tuesday, 19th November, 2013 at 5.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Mark Durnford
for Chief Executive

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November, 2013**

at 5.30 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**,
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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 - 23RD JULY 2013 & 17TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Pages 7 - 22)

8. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

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

9. CABINET RESPONSE TO POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS - BOAT DWELLERS AND RIVER TRAVELLERS TASK AND FINISH GROUP REVIEW (Pages 23 - 80)

At the Panel meeting on Tuesday 23rd July 2013 the Panel received a report and considered their draft recommendations. The agreed documents were forwarded to Cabinet members for their considered responses and they are now enclosed.

10. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS UPDATE (Pages 81 - 86)

The way social housing is allocated is key to creating communities where people choose to live and are able to prosper. The Localism Act 2011 gave new freedoms that allowed Council's to make significant changes to how social housing is allocated locally. Following extensive consultation, including with this panel, Cabinet decided to implement a range of changes to the local social housing allocation scheme, known as Homesearch. This report is provided to update panel on the implementation of these changes and to draw to the attention of panel a further recent Government consultation document on social housing allocations.

11. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 87 - 90)

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.