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**To: All Members of the Planning, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**

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Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods: Councillor David Dixon

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers  
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Dear Member

**Planning, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Thursday, 23rd August, 2012**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Planning, Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Thursday, 23rd August, 2012 at 10.00 am** in the **Banqueting Room - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Mark Durnford  
for Chief Executive

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- 5. THE APPENDED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER.**
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Thursday, 23rd August, 2012**

**at 10.00 am in the Banqueting 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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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. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE (20 MINUTES)

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.

8. GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD): RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION AND ISSUES ARISING (90 MINUTES) (Pages 7 - 22)

The Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) is a formal planning document being prepared by the Council which will allocate land for the development of authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches and a Travelling Showmen's yard across the District. Bath and North East Somerset Council does not have any permanent sites for Gypsies, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople. This report highlights the key issues arising from the recent consultation and outlines the work being carried out as part of the next stage in the preparation of the Plan.

9. BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET CORE STRATEGY: INSPECTOR'S PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS AND REVIEW OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (40 MINUTES) (Pages 23 - 34)

The B&NES Core Strategy examination has been suspended in order to undertake a review of the District's housing need and supply, along with a limited number of other issues, in response to concerns made by the Examination Inspector. This requires a review of the Core Strategy programme which, because of its strategic nature, has implications for the preparation of other Plans such as the Placemaking Plan, the Gypsy & Travellers Site Allocations Plan and the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Local Development Scheme is therefore also being reviewed.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PROTOCOL FOR BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET - ADOPTION DRAFT (30 MINUTES) (Pages 35 - 160)

The Localism Act (November 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (April 2012) facilitate new community-led planning rights which will enable communities to undertake their own Neighbourhood Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build projects. The new legislation also introduces new planning duties on Bath & North East Somerset to support these new rights. In order to respond to this new agenda and to update the Council's policy on community engagement in all elements of planning My Neighbourhood: A Neighbourhood Planning Protocol for B&NES has been prepared and publicly consulted on. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the Adoption Draft of this document and review the background work prior to the document being considered for adoption by Cabinet in September 2012.

11. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY (30 MINUTES) (Pages 161 - 188)

A healthy, properly functioning natural environment is the foundation of sustainable economic growth, prospering communities and personal wellbeing. Core Strategy policy CP7 on Green Infrastructure addresses this issue and sets out a requirement to protect and enhance the Green Infrastructure network across the district. The Council is committed to preparing a Green Infrastructure Strategy to coordinate the delivery of this policy. The purpose of this report is to apprise the panel of the draft Green Infrastructure Strategy and key issues arising from the stakeholder Consultation in May 2012.

12. PANEL WORKPLAN (10 MINUTES) (Pages 189 - 200)

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.