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Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

Parishes Liaison Meeting: Wednesday, 16th February, 2011

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Parishes Liaison Meeting**, to be held on **Wednesday, 16th February, 2011 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Keynsham Town Hall**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Ann Swabey
for Chief Executive

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NOTES:

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- 2. Public Speaking at Meetings:** The Council has a scheme to encourage the public to make their views known at meetings. They may make a statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also present a petition or a deputation on behalf of a group. Advance notice is required not less than two full working days before the meeting (this means that for meetings held on Wednesdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday)

The public may also ask a question to which a written answer will be given. Questions must be submitted in writing to Democratic Services at least two full working days in advance of the meeting (this means that for meetings held on Wednesdays, notice must be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday). If an answer cannot be prepared in time for the meeting it will be sent out within five days afterwards. Further details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting Ann Swabey as above.

- 3. Details of Decisions taken at this meeting** can be found in the minutes which will be published as soon as possible after the meeting, and also circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime details can be obtained by contacting Ann Swabey as above.

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For Councillors and Officers papers may be inspected via Political Group Research Assistants and Group Rooms/Members' Rooms.

- 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.**
- 6. Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by one of the designated exits and proceed to the named assembly point. The designated exits are sign-posted.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

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at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber - Keynsham Town Hall

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair of Council, Councillor Sarah Bevan, will chair the meeting.

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as follows:

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3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair will announce any items of urgent business accepted since the agenda was prepared

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2010
(Pages 5 - 10)

To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record.

6. B&NES COUNCIL EMPTY PROPERTIES POLICY (Pages 11 - 16)

The Empty Property Policy is attached to the agenda. The Associate Director for Housing and Health will attend the meeting to answer questions.

7. B&NES COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS (Pages 17 - 18)

A briefing note is attached. The Corporate Sustainability Officer will attend the meeting to answer questions.

8. THE OUTCOME OF THE HIGHWAYS WINTER MAINTENANCE REVIEW (Pages 19 - 20)

The Service Manager for Highways and Parking has provided a written statement which is attached to the agenda.

9. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE B&NES TRANSPORT COMMISSION

The Strategic Director for Service Delivery will give a verbal update to the meeting on

the draft Terms of Reference.

10. THE FUTURE ORGANISATION OF B&NES COUNCIL

The Cabinet Member for Resources will give a presentation and answer questions.

11. REVIEW OF THE PARISH CHARTER

The Strategic Director for Service Delivery and the Secretary of the B&NES Local Councils Association will update the meeting on the progress with the review.

12. THE LOCALISM BILL (Pages 21 - 44)

A briefing note and a guide to the Localism Bill are attached to the agenda. The Group Manager for Partnership Delivery and the Policy and Environment Manager will attend the meeting to answer questions.

13. DRAFT CORE STRATEGY - PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Divisional Director for Planning and Transport Development and the Policy and Environment Manager will attend the meeting to answer questions.

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th June 2011.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Ann Swabey who can be contacted on 01225 394416.