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To: All Members of the Council

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

Council: Tuesday, 14th February, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Council** to be held on **Tuesday, 14th February, 2012 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Sandwiches and fruit and tea/coffee/cold drinks will be available for Councillors from 5pm in the Aix-en-Provence Room (next to the Banqueting Room) on Floor 1.

Yours sincerely

Jo Morrison
Democratic Services Manager
for Chief Executive

Please note the following arrangements for pre-group meetings:

Conservative	Brunswick Room, Ground Floor
Liberal Democrat	Kaposvar Room, Floor 1
Labour	Small Meeting Room, Floor 1
Independent	Performance and Improvement Team Office, Floor 1

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NOTES:

1. **Inspection of Papers:** Any person wishing to inspect minutes, reports, or a list of the background papers relating to any item on this Agenda should contact Jo Morrison who is available by telephoning Bath 01225 394358.
2. **Details of decisions taken at this meeting** can be found in the minutes which will be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime, details can be obtained by contacting as above. Papers are available for inspection as follows:

Public Access points – Guildhall – Bath, Riverside – Keynsham, Hollies – Midsomer Norton, and Bath Central, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton Public Libraries.

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

3. **Spokespersons:** The Political Group Spokespersons for the Council are the Group Leaders, who are Councillors Paul Crossley (Liberal Democrat Group), Francine Haeberling (Conservative Group), John Bull (Labour Group) and Doug Deacon (Independent Group).
4. **Attendance Register:** Members should sign the Register, which will be circulated at the meeting.
5. **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. They may also ask a question to which a written answer will be given. **Advance notice is required not less than two full working days before the meeting. This means that for meetings held on Thursdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 5.00pm the previous Monday.** Further details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting Jo Morrison as above.
6. THE APPENDED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER.

7. 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.

8. **Presentation of reports:** Officers of the Council will not normally introduce their reports unless requested by the meeting to do so. Officers may need to advise the meeting of new information arising since the agenda was sent out.

A G E N D A

1. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 7.

2. MINUTES - 10TH NOVEMBER 2011 (Pages 7 - 12)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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 complete the green interest forms circulated to groups in their pre-meetings (which will be announced at the Council Meeting) 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 **personal and prejudicial** or **personal**.

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

These are matters of information for Members of the Council. No decisions will be required arising from the announcements.

6. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

If there is any urgent business arising since the formal agenda was published, the Chairman will announce this and give reasons why she has agreed to consider it at this meeting. In making her decision, the Chairman will, where practicable, have consulted with the Leaders of the Political Groups. Any documentation on urgent business will be circulated at the meeting, if not made available previously.

7. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Democratic Services Manager will announce any submissions received under the arrangements set out in note 5 above. The Council will be invited to decide what action

it wishes to take, if any, on the matters raised in these submissions. As the questions received and the answers given will be circulated in written form there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The questions and answers will be published with the draft minutes.

8. MEDIUM TERM SERVICE & RESOURCE PLANNING 2012/13 - 2014/15, & BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2012/13 (Pages 13 - 146)

This report presents the Cabinet's draft medium term financial plan, and revenue and capital budgets for the 2012/13 financial year, together with a proposal for a Council Tax level for 2012/13.

This item has yet to be considered by the Cabinet on 8th February and any changes to the report or proposed budget will be sent as a supplementary despatch.

9. 2012/13 LTP TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Pages 147 - 150)

This report supplements the Council Budget Report, to agree the 2012/13 LTP Transport Improvement Schemes as set out in the Capital Programme.

10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2012/13 (Pages 151 - 176)

The Council has adopted the CIPFA Treasury Management in Public services Code of Practice, which requires the Council to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year and for this to be subject to scrutiny. A revised version of the Code was published in November 2011 in light of the additional financial freedoms available to local authorities in the Localism Act 2011. The Council will therefore be asked to formally adopt the revised Code. The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) issued revised guidance on local authority investments in March 2010 that requires the Council to approve an investment strategy before the start of each financial year.

This report fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the CLG Guidance. It will be scrutinised by the Corporate Audit Committee at the 7th February 2012 meeting, and reported to Cabinet on 8th February 2012.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIR(MAN) DESIGNATE FOR 2012/13 (Pages 177 - 180)

The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to name a Councillor as Chair(man) of the Council (Designate) for the next Council Year beginning in May 2012. The Council, at its Annual Meeting on 13th May 2012, will still be required formally to elect a Councillor to be the Chair(man) of the Council for the forthcoming Council Year.

12. QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Democratic Services Manager will announce any submissions received. The Council will be invited to decide what action it wishes to take, if any, on the matters raised in these submissions. As the questions received and the answers given will be circulated in written form there is no requirement for them to be read out at the meeting. The questions and answers will be published with the draft minutes.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jo Morrison who can be contacted on 01225 394358.