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Councillor Roger Symonds	Cabinet Member for Transport

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

Cabinet: Wednesday, 8th February, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Cabinet**, to be held on **Wednesday, 8th February, 2012** at **6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Col Spring
for Chief Executive

The decisions taken at this meeting of the Cabinet are subject to the Council's call-in procedures. Within 5 clear working days of publication of decisions, at least 10 Councillors may signify in writing to the Chief Executive their wish for a decision to be called-in for review. If a decision is not called-in, it will be implemented after the expiry of the 5 clear working day period.

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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 normally be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday but Bank Holidays will cause this to be brought forward).

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 normally be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday but Bank Holidays will cause this to be brought forward). 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 Col Spring as above.

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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.

7. **Officer Support to the Cabinet**
Cabinet meetings will be supported by the Director's Group.
8. **Recorded votes**
A recorded vote will be taken on each item.

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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

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

To receive any declarations from Members/Officers of personal or prejudicial interests in respect of matters for consideration at this meeting. Members who have an interest to declare are asked to:

a) State the Item Number in which they have the interest;

b) The nature of the interest;

c) Whether the interest is personal, or personal and prejudicial.

Any Member who is unsure about the above should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting in order to expedite matters at the meeting itself.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

6. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

At the time of publication, no items had been submitted

7. STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

At the time of publication, no items had been notified

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 7 - 16)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

9. CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

This is a standard agenda item, to cover any reports originally placed on the Weekly list for single Member decision making, which have subsequently been the subject of a Cabinet Member requisition to the full Cabinet, under the Council's procedural rules

10. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

This is a standing agenda item (Constitution rule 21, part 4D – Executive Procedure Rules) for matters referred by Policy Development and Scrutiny bodies. The Chair(person) of the relevant PDS body will have the right to attend and at the discretion of the Leader to speak to the item, but not vote

11. SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING (Pages 17 - 18)

The Leader and Cabinet have indicated that most decisions will be taken by the full Cabinet, at its public meetings. This report lists any Cabinet Single Member decisions taken and published since the last Cabinet meeting.

12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT TO 31ST DECEMBER 2011 (Pages 19 - 30)

In February 2010 the Council adopted the 2009 edition of the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice, which requires the Council to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year, review performance during the year, and approve an annual report after the end of each financial year.

This report gives details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Plan 2011/12 for the first nine months of 2011/12.

13. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS - APRIL 2011 TO DECEMBER 2011 (Pages 31 - 54)

This report presents the financial monitoring information for the Authority as a whole for the financial year 2011/12 to the end of December 2011

14. FINANCIAL PLAN 2012/13 - 2014/15, BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2012/13 (Pages 55 - 168)

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

15. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT & ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2012/13 (Pages 169 - 194)

The Council has adopted the CIPFA Treasury Management in Public services Code of Practice, and is therefore required 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 adopt the revised Code. The Department for Communities and Local Government also 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 its 7th February 2012 meeting, following which any recommendations will be reported back as an update to this report.

16. THE COUNCIL'S VISION AND VALUES (Pages 195 - 200)

The Council faces a number of key challenges - a tough economic situation, tighter

financial constraints, radical changes in Government legislation and increasing pressure on services with an ageing population and increasing unemployment particularly amongst the young and vulnerable. It is essential to prioritise and protect frontline services, especially for the vulnerable.

In addition, extensive changes in national policy will transform the delivery of local public services to create new relationships between councils and communities, referred to as “Localism”, which will involve the Council increasingly becoming a commissioner of services rather than a direct service provider.

To address these issues the cabinet has

- *Refreshed the Vision, maintaining the general direction of travel but with a change of emphasis that puts People and Communities first.*
- *Replaced the previous 8 Priorities with 4 Objectives that will start to deliver the vision over the next few years*
- *Created a series of Outcomes so that we and our communities can better measure our performance*
- *Developed Values to determine the kind of organisation the Council wants to be.*

These developments have been the subject of consultation with all Council Members and senior managers and are set out in this report for adoption.

17. QUALITY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME FOR CORRIDOR 6 OF THE GREATER BRISTOL BUS NETWORK (Pages 201 - 246)

The Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) major scheme includes the establishment of quality partnership schemes on ten bus route corridors in the former Avon area. This scheme will cover the corridor between Midsomer Norton and Bristol. It will set quality standards for bus operators who wish to use the new infrastructure and facilities.

18. VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT 2012/3 (Pages 247 - 258)

Funding applications have been received from voluntary sector bodies for the provision of community transport services in 2012/13. This Report gives details of those applications with recommendations on the allocation of funding.

19. FOSTERING ALLOWANCES ANNUAL REVIEW (Pages 259 - 270)

Annual review of fostering and related allowances.

20. RESPONSE TO SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS PLANNING OPTIONS CONSULTATION (Pages 271 - 280)

Somerset County Council has published its Minerals Core Strategy Options Paper, for consultation between 15th December 2011 and 12th February 2012. The Options Paper identifies a number of issues and potential options relating to future minerals development within Somerset. Feedback from this consultation will guide the preparation of Somerset County Council's Minerals Core Strategy during 2012. The Paper identifies a number of issues and potential options relating to future minerals development within Somerset.

Bath and North East Somerset Council is a statutory consultee for Local Development

Framework consultations and is Minerals Planning Authority. In view of current concerns over exploration and extraction of energy minerals and any potential impact on the Hot Springs in relation to Bath, a formal response to this consultation is both critical and timely.

21. HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - RECOMMISSION (Pages 281 - 330)

Home Improvement Agencies help vulnerable people live independently by providing support such as minor repairs, handyperson services, adaptations and advice. Demand for these services is expected to rise due to the ageing population and increasing expectations for an improved quality of life.

It is proposed that the existing contract is recommissioned jointly with our West of England partners. By working together we aim to meet the demands by providing improved value for money and an enhanced service for residents. This paper therefore seeks a decision from Cabinet to confirm the proposed approach to work with our West of England partners to commission a new West of England HIA contractor.

22. VARIOUS ROADS, KEYNSHAM TRO (Pages 331 - 344)

To consider the points raised during the public consultation of Traffic Regulation Order "Various Roads, Keynsham Order 2011" and decide whether to proceed with the proposed scheme.

23. GREEN INVESTMENT BANK (Pages 345 - 350)

Bath and North East Somerset to express support for a joint bid between the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership, Bristol City Council and the business community for a Green Investment Bank to be located in Bristol