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**To: All Members of the Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**

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Councillor Michael Evans
Councillor Lisa Brett
Councillor Manda Rigby

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel:
Thursday, 22nd March, 2012**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Economic and Community Development Policy
Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Thursday, 22nd March, 2012 at 1.00 pm** in
the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Jack Latkovic
for Chief Executive

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**Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel -
Thursday, 22nd March, 2012**

at 1.00 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 UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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

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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. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19TH JANUARY 2012 (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm the minutes of the above meeting as a correct record.

8. PROPOSED MERGER OF THE LOCAL JUSTICE AREAS AND BENCHES (30 MINUTES) (Pages 15 - 22)

This report invites members to contribute to the Council's response to a consultation by HM Courts & Tribunals Service regarding the proposed merger of four Local Justice Areas to create one Somerset bench and Local Justice Area.

The Economic and Community Development Panel is asked to agree that:

- It notes the issues and concerns raised in this report
- It identifies any additional issues and questions in relation to the proposed merger
- These comments be considered as part of the Council's formal response to the merger proposal.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY: STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPING APPROACH (25 MINUTES) (Pages 23 - 26)

This report provides an update on the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and sets out how it is informing and shaping the emerging approach to delivering community safety in Bath and North east Somerset.

The Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to agree that:

- It notes the key findings of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and encourages partners to incorporate these into their detailed action plans
- It comments on the developing approach to community safety in the context of changes such as the new Health and Wellbeing Board and the Police and Crime Commissioner process.

10. LOCALISM ACT UPDATE (30 MINUTES) (Pages 27 - 30)

This report provides an update on the Localism Act and invites the Panel to consider how best to incorporate the provisions contained in the Act into its work programme.

The Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to agree that:

- It notes the key provisions contained within the Localism Act as set out in the Appendix "Plain English Guide"
- It receives a brief presentation on the key issues contained in the Act which impact on the Panel's remit
- It considers how best to consider the implementation and impact of the Act's provisions into its programme of work.

11. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES IMPACT AND LEGACY IN BANES - PRESENTATION (25 MINUTES)

The Panel are asked to consider the presentation from Divisional Director for Tourism, Leisure and Culture.

12. WORKPLAN (Pages 31 - 38)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Jack Latkovic who can be contacted on 01225 394452.