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Dear Member

Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Friday, 16th March, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Friday, 16th March, 2012 at 10.00 am** in the **Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Jack Latkovic
for Chief Executive

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at 10.00 am 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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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 27/01/12 (Pages 7 - 26)

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

8. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE (15 MINUTES)

The Panel will have an opportunity to ask questions to the Cabinet Member and to receive an update on any current issues.

9. NHS AND CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE (15 MINUTES)

The Panel will receive an update from the NHS and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on current issues.

10. BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK UPDATE (15 MINUTES) (Pages 27 - 34)

The Panel are asked to consider an update from the BANES Local Involvement Network.

11. ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR RHEUMATIC DISEASES (RNHRD) PRESENTATION (45 MINUTES)

The Panel are asked to consider a presentation from the CEO of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases.

12. TRANSITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES FROM NHS BANES TO THE COUNCIL - PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES)

The Panel are asked to consider the presentation from the Acting Joint Director of Public Health.

13. PERSONAL BUDGETS: REVIEW OF POLICY FRAMEWORK & RESOURCE ALLOCATION (40 MINUTES) (Pages 35 - 42)

The Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel is asked to agree that:

1. The current policy framework and resource allocation system for Personal Budgets in Bath & North East Somerset is revised to address the equalities and financial concerns set out in the body of the report.

2. The revised policy framework and resource allocation system is more clearly and transparently linked to the Fair Access to Care Services eligibility criteria currently in place in Bath & North East Somerset.

3. Further wide scale consultation and impact assessment of proposed changes is undertaken prior to any significant operational changes being implemented.

14. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS (20 MINUTES) (Pages 43 - 54)

Each Local Housing Authority (the Council) must have an allocation scheme which articulates how priority for social housing is determined. The Bath & North East Somerset scheme, known as the Homeseach Scheme, is operated on the principles of choice-based lettings which combine the elements of housing need, time on scheme and client choice. At present, and in accordance with the legislation current at the time of adoption, the scheme allows anyone, with a few statutory exceptions, to join the scheme. This is known as an “open scheme”.

The Localism Act 2011, supported by draft Allocations guidance, provides the Council with greater freedoms in determining local priorities. In particular the Council can now chose to exclude certain households from the scheme, such as, those households who do not have a local connection to the district or whose income is above a specific level. This is known as a “closed scheme”. The Council will need to determine how it wants to use these freedoms.

The Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel is asked to note and comment on the issues detailed in this briefing report.

15. WORKPLAN (Pages 55 - 60)

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.