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To: All Members of the Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

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Councillor Nigel Roberts

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers
Press and Public

Dear Member

Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel: Monday, 17th September, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel**, to be held on **Monday, 17th September, 2012** at **5.30 pm** in the **Kaposvar Room, Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Michaela Gay
for Chief Executive

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NOTES:

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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 Michaela Gay 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 Michaela Gay 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.**
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at 5.30 pm in the Kaposvar Room, 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

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 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 **a disclosable pecuniary interest** *or* **an other interest**, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

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

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 - 16TH JULY 2012 (Pages 7 - 14)

Please find attached the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2012 to be approved by the Panel and signed by the Chair.

8. COUNCIL WEBSITE - UPDATE

There will be a presentation and update at the meeting. There is no report attached.

9. UNIVERSAL TAX CREDIT - PILOT (Pages 15 - 32)

Please find attached a short summary report on the Universal Credit Pilot. There will be further update at the meeting.

10. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER - NEXT STEPS (Pages 33 - 38)

Please find attached a short summary report on Community Asset Transfer – Next Steps.

11. IMPLICATIONS OF POOLING BUSINESS RATES AMONG WEST OF ENGLAND AUTHORITIES (Pages 39 - 82)

Please see attached report. Andrew Pate Strategic Director, Resources will give a verbal update at the meeting.

12. CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

This will be a verbal update. There is no report attached.

13. PANEL FUTURE WORKPLAN (Pages 83 - 90)

Please find attached the Panel's future work plan.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Michaela Gay who can be contacted on 01225 394411.