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**To:** The Chairperson and Clerk of each Parish and Town Council in Bath & North East Somerset and the Chairpersons of Parish Meetings

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Dear Member

**Parishes Liaison Meeting: Wednesday, 19th February, 2014**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Parishes Liaison Meeting**, to be held on **Wednesday, 19th February, 2014 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber - Riverside, Keynsham BS31 1LA**.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Ann Swabey  
for Chief Executive

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- 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 Ann Swabey who is available by telephoning Bath 01225 394416 or by calling at the Riverside Offices Keynsham (during normal office hours).
- 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 be received in Democratic Services by 4.30pm the previous Friday)

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 Ann Swabey 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 Ann Swabey as above.

Appendices to reports are available for inspection as follows:-

**Public Access points** - Riverside - Keynsham, Guildhall - Bath, 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' Rooms.

- 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.

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**at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber - Riverside, Keynsham BS31 1LA**

**A G E N D A**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair of Council, Councillor Neil Butters will welcome everyone to the meeting.

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

*The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as follows:*

*If 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. The assembly point is along Temple Street on a grassy area at the top of Dapps Hill, past the Ship Inn and the flats.*

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair will announce any items of urgent business accepted since the agenda was prepared

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 as an accurate record.

6. BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL'S BUDGET 2014-2015

The Cabinet member for Community Resources (Cllr David Bellotti) and the Divisional Director for Finance (Tim Richens) will attend to present this item and answer questions.

The Council's budget proposals can be found on the B&NES website:

<http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/documents/s29317/MTSRP%201415%20-%201516%20Budget%20Council%20Tax%201415.pdf>

7. COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE START OF THE 1914-18 WAR (Pages 13 - 14)

A briefing report is attached. Ann Cullis (Senior Arts Development Officer) will attend to answer questions.

8. THE ENERGY@HOME PROJECT

Jane Wildblood (Corporate Sustainability Manager) and Marion Britton (Interim Project Manager, Sustainability) will give a presentation and take questions.

9. UPDATE ON "PAPERLESS CONSULTATION" REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Pages 15 - 16)

A briefing note is attached. Lisa Bartlett (Development Manager, Planning and Transport Development) will attend to answer questions.

10. UPDATE ON THE "CONNECTING COMMUNITIES" PROJECT (Pages 17 - 18)

A briefing note is attached. Claire Gresswell (Programme Manager – Connecting Communities) will attend to answer questions.

11. UPDATE ON THE PARISH CHARTER

Peter Duppa Miller (Secretary of the Local Councils Association) will attend to brief the meeting and answer questions.

12. UPDATE ON THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (Pages 19 - 24)

A briefing note is attached. Simon de Beer (Planning Policy and Environment Manager) will attend to answer questions on the following issues:

- a) Update on the Core Strategy
- b) Update on the Placemaking Plan
- c) Update on the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People site allocations DPD
- d) Update on Neighbourhood Planning in B&NES

13. UPDATE ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF RURAL BROADBAND IN N.E. SOMERSET (Pages 25 - 28)

Two briefing notes are attached. David Wales (Principal EEB Development Officer), a representative from BT (Laurent Boon) will attend to answer questions. A representative from Wansdyke Telecom (David Bland) will attend to give a presentation and answer questions.

14. UPDATE ON THE PARISH HIGHWAY RANGERS PROJECT (Pages 29 - 32)

A briefing note (prepared by Stefan Chiffers) is attached for the meeting to note.

15. FUTURE DATES OF MEETINGS

The next Parishes Liaison meetings will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June (at Riverside) and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (venue to be confirmed) respectively.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Ann Swabey who can be contacted on 01225 394416.

