

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS
(SOCIAL WELL-BEING)
(ECONOMIC WELL-BEING)
(ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING)**

**5 FEBRUARY 2013
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**WORK PLAN STUDIES
(Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of studies being undertaken by the other Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

2. STUDIES

- 2.1 The Council has a duty to improve the social, environmental and economic well-being of the District. This gives the Overview and Scrutiny Panels a wide remit to examine any issues that affect the District by conducting in-depth studies.
- 2.2 Studies are allocated according to the Overview and Scrutiny remits. Details of ongoing studies being undertaken by the two other Panels are set out in the attached Appendix.
- 2.3 Members are reminded that if they have a specific interest in any study area which is not being considered by their Panel there are opportunities for involvement in all the studies being undertaken.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Panel is requested to note the progress of the studies selected.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Minutes and Reports from previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

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ONGOING STUDIES

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS	TYPE
Leisure Centre Financial Performance and Employment Structure	To consider the future business model for "One Leisure" and the development of a methodology for the quantification of Social Value.	Economic Well-Being and Social Well-Being	Working Group met on 28th February 2012. Agreed to split into two sub groups to investigate each area. Sub-Group looking at the Social Methodology will focus on three key areas; namely social, health and financial benefits of the Council's activities. The One Leisure Business Plan was considered by the Economic Well-Being Panel at their January meeting. Panel to determine whether to pursue its study into the business model.	Joint Working Group
CCTV Provision within the District	To review the impact of the Council's proposal to cease the CCTV service with effect from April 2012.	Social Well-Being	A report on changes to the CCTV service in 2012/13 will be submitted to the Panel in April 2013.	Whole Panel Study.
A14 improvements.	To review the implications to the local economy of the decision not to proceed with the A14 improvements.	Economic Well-Being	The Panel has requested a presentation on developments relating to the A14 for all Members of the Council at an appropriate time. An update was presented to the	Whole Panel Study.

			Council Meeting on 19th December. Updates on recent developments to continue to be provided by email.	
Consultation Processes	To assist the Corporate Team with its review of the Council's Consultation and Engagement Strategy.	Social Well-Being	Strategy and Guidance being updated by the Corporate Office to incorporate comments suggested by the Working Group. Draft considered by Working Group at their meeting on 23rd January 2013. Further work to refine both documents is being undertaken.	Working Group.
Review of Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire	To undertake a review of the Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire.	Social Well-Being	Cabinet agreed to hold a pilot in the Norman Cross County Division. Panel requested to undertake a review of the pilot during its 12 months of operation. Pilot meeting held on 7th November 2012. Further informal meeting to be arranged.	Working Group
District Council Support Services	To review the services provided by the District Councils Document Centre to form a view on its efficiency and cost effectiveness.	Economic Well-Being	The report of the Working Group will be considered by the Panel at their February meeting.	Working Group

Equality Framework for Local Government	To review the action plan arising from the Equality Framework for Local Government peer assessment.	Social Well-Being	Action Plan was subject to review by the Working Group at their meeting on 23rd January 2013. Report to be presented to Panel at its February 2013 meeting.	Working Group
Economic Development	To be determined.	Economic Well-Being	The findings from the Local Economic Assessment were presented to the Panel in November. The Panel will consider the new Local Economy Strategy at a meeting in the Spring.	Whole Panel.
Corporate Plan	To assist the Corporate Office with the development of a new Corporate Plan.	All O&S Panels	Executive Leader's Strategy Group considered the Council Delivery Plan on 14th January 2013 with a view to taking responsibility for the actions contained therein. A programme of bi-monthly meetings of the Working Group will be arranged over the course of the next year with a view to holding Executive Members to account. The Delivery Plan is currently undergoing refinement by the Corporate Office.	Working Group

Delivery of Advisory Services Across the District	To consider the social implications of the announcement made by the Huntingdonshire CAB to go into voluntary liquidisation.	Social Well-Being	Executive Leader provided an update to the Panel in October, November and December 2012. A report on interim arrangements for Jan-Mar 2013 and grant aid awards for 2013/14 was submitted to the Panel at its January 2013 meeting. The Voluntary Sector Working Group will meet biennially to review progress of those organisations in receipt of grant funding.	Whole Panel Study.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	To consider the implications of planning social housing requirements on Community Infrastructure Levy income and the housing waiting list.	Economic Well-Being	Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships & Projects) to discuss with Councillor M F Shellens directly.	To be determined.
Council Borrowing	Agreed to establish a working group to develop an understanding of the District Council's approach to borrowing.	Economic Well-Being.	The report of the Working Group will be considered at the Panel Meeting in February 2013.	Working Group.
Budget Savings	To identify possible Budgetary Savings	Economic Well-Being	An Informal Meeting of the Panel was held on Thursday 29 th November 2012. A number of recommendations were subsequently presented to the Executive Leaders	Whole Panel

			Strategy Group. A further meeting to examine the Capital Budget has been arranged for 30th January. The Liberal Democrats were invited to present their views on the Budget to the Panel in January. The Chairman and other Panel representatives will meet with the UKIP Group Leader on 22nd January 2013.	
Local Plan 2036 – Provision of Social and Affordable Housing and Impact Upon Homelessness	To explore how the new Local Plan would help to address housing and homelessness needs within the District.	Social Well-Being	An outline of how the new Local Plan would help to address housing and homelessness needs within the District was delivered to the Panel. 6 monthly updates to be provided. Next update expected July 2013.	Whole Panel.
Customer Services Strategy	To contribute to the production of the new Customer Services and Channel Migration Strategy.	Economic Well-Being	Panel to appoint representatives at their February meeting.	Working Group