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16/05/12	<u>Leadership Direction</u> Councillors D Harty and Mrs D C Reynolds have been appointed to the Corporate Plan Working Group.	Leadership Direction document considered at the Panel's July meeting. Meetings of the Corporate Plan Working Group held on 1st and 28th August 2012. Draft considered by the Executive Leaders Strategy Group on 10th September 2012.	The Executive Leaders Strategy Group considered the Delivery Plan at their meeting on 14th January 2013 with a view to taking responsibility for the actions contained therein. An outcome of their discussions is awaited from the Corporate Team Manager. A programme of bi-monthly meetings of the Corporate Plan Working Group will be arranged over the course of the year with a view to holding Executive Members to account.	
13/7/10 8/3/11 12/10/11 8/11/11	<u>Great Fen Project</u> The Panel attended tours of the Great Fen. Latest visit undertaken on 1st October 2012.	The Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships and Projects) advised that updates on the progress of the project would be presented to the Panel at 6 monthly intervals. This matter has now been transferred to the responsibility of the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy.	Next update expected March 2013 where a copy of the Business Plan is expected to be made available to Members.	12/03/13
14/09/10 11/09/12	<u>Tree Strategy</u> To form a strategy in conjunction with the Tree Officers for the retention and planting of trees. Councillor J W Davies updated the Panel on progress made towards completion of the Tree Strategy.	A series of Working Group meetings have been held. A draft policy is being drawn up by the Arboricultural Officer for submission to the Working Group for comment. Due to the voluntary redundancy of administrative staff within the Division there		TBC

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		has been a delay in the production of the Tree Strategy. Alternative ways of finalising the Strategy are being considered. Arboricultural Officer met with consultants on 18th January 2013. A proposal for a programme of work to complete the Strategy is awaited from the consultant. Likely timescales to be advised in due course.		
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	<u>Waste Collection Working Group</u>			
13/09/11	Working Group appointed to investigate waste collection policies. The Working Group comprises of Councillors Baker, Godfrey, Harlock and Hyams and Mr M Phillips.	First meeting held on 6/10/11 with the Head of Operations.	The Group established their terms of reference and a way forward for their study.	
10/1/12	Following consideration of the Advanced Waste Partnership report it was agreed that the work of the Partnership could overtake the findings of the Working Group, therefore the Working Group study should be put on hold.	The study of the Waste Collection Working Group has been postponed and will be reviewed in due course.		
19/06/12	Following a change in the Council's approach to dealing with 'contaminated' bins, Councillor M G Baker has stressed the need to educate residents as to what can be placed in recycling bins.	A meeting between the Working Group and the Head of Operations was held on 28 th June 2012 to discuss this further.	Members requested that a further meeting be held on 2 nd August with a representative from South Cambridgeshire District Council present.	
11/09/12	The Working Group has decided to focus on how best to engage with residents to educate them as to what should be placed in which bin.	A meeting was held to discuss ideas.	The Working Group met with Eric Kendall, Chris Jablonski and Heidi Field to discuss publicity material. Members have provided feedback on the material devised by the Environmental Team. If necessary the Waste Collection Working Group will resume its study once the work of RECAP is complete.	

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15/01/13	Having considered the Waste Collection Policies at their previous meeting, Members expressed a view that bin stickers could be used to convey messages with community benefits, such as speed restrictions. Panel received a presentation from representatives of Speedwatch and Hilton Parish Council on the speed reduction initiative being undertaken in Hilton. The Council's support on the display of speed reduction stickers on wheelie bins, their format and design and the funding of them was sought.	In considering the Decision Digest, Members were disappointed to note that the Cabinet had stressed that they were not in favour of notices being attached to bins. In light of the pilot initiative being undertaken in Hilton, Scrutiny Members requested an update on the pilot's findings. Councillor Tysoe has discussed the Cabinet's views with the Panel. Panel has requested a written report to be submitted outlining the terms of the proposal. Members also wish to discuss the matter directly with the Head of Operations and the Executive Councillor for Environment.	Information has been received from Mr D McCandless. Hilton PC has yet to fund the trial of wheelie bin stickers so they have not been issued 'globally' within the village. Consequently, an assessment was carried out. Councillor I C Bates has undertaken to make contact with Hilton Parish Council to gain an understanding of the present situation. Written report to be submitted to a future Panel meeting.	5/03/13
8/11/11	<u>Design Principles for Future Developments</u> Working Group appointed to examine the matters raised during the Panel's discussions on Loves Farms, St Neots. The Working Group comprises Councillors Banerjee, Curtis, Godfrey and Harlock who have been tasked with making recommendations to inform future developments.			
6/01/12	First meeting of the Working Group held. Councillor Mrs M Banerjee appointed rapporteur. It was agreed that the Working Group needed an overview of the site from a Planning Officer, followed thereafter by a site visit.	Working Group met with the Head of Planning Services on 26th January 2012 to receive an overview of the Loves Farm site. Site visit held on 2nd March 2012 followed by a de-brief on 21st March 2012 and a meeting on 1st June 2012.	The Working Group has considered a report by the Urban Design, Trees and Landscape Team Leader analysing the results of the 'building for life' assessments which were completed on the site visit. The Working Group will begin to draft their final report.	

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11/09/12	The Panel considered the report of the Working Group which outlined its findings to date.	Meeting with the Urban Design, Trees and Landscape Team Leader was held on 5th October 2012 to discuss aspects of the Design Guide in more detail. Officers meeting with consultants on 21st/22nd January 2013.	Draft revised Design Guide is expected to be made available to the Working Group in due course.	
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	<u>Drainage Issues/Maintenance of Water Courses</u>			
5/12/11	Consideration was given to a petition in respect of sewage overflow at Windsor Road and Main Street, Yaxley. Members were advised that the Executive Leader had written to Anglian Water expressing his concern over flooding issues in Yaxley and a response had been received. Although Anglian Water's response addressed the specific flooding incident, Members were not satisfied with Anglian Water's programme to prevent problems from occurring and their response to sewerage system failures.	Given the lack of powers that the Council has to influence Anglian Water, Members requested that the Leader of the Council writes to the Environment Agency to highlight their concerns and to ask it to ensure it used its enforcement powers where merited.	The Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships and Projects) will follow this concern up with the Environment Agency. The Executive Leader has responded to Anglian Water to state that he is not satisfied with their programme to prevent problems from occurring and their response to sewerage system failures.	
9/02/12	The Panel received a presentation from the County Council's Flood and Water Manager on Flood Risk Management. During the presentation the issue of flooding in Yaxley was raised by Members. Officers undertook to investigate this matter further.	The Project and Assets Manager has met with Anglian Water to discuss issues and will continue to pursue this matter.		
13/03/12	Ward Members attended an onsite meeting with the Project and Assets Manager who subsequently alerted Anglian Water to a problem with the surface and foul water sewerage system.	Having reiterated concerns over the long running nature of the problem, Members suggested that a letter be sent to the Environment Agency to highlight the ongoing issues.	The Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships and Projects) was asked to pursue this issue further.	
10/04/12	The Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships and Projects) has suggested that a Working Group be convened to examine Yaxley drainage issues in detail.	It was agreed that appointment to the Working Group would be delayed until after the Annual Council Meeting.		
19/06/12	Having considered the St Neots Surface Water	A Working Group comprising Councillors	A meeting was held on Thursday,	

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11/09/12	Management Plan, Members acknowledged that drainage problems within the District are widespread. Two meetings have been held with representatives from Anglian Water and the Environment Agency.	Mrs M Banerjee and J W Davies has been convened to engage with Anglian Water in order to establish their general powers, responsibilities and limitations on its ability to prevent flooding. A report of the meetings is being produced and the District Council will continue to work with Anglian Water in an effort to resolve the drainage problems which exist in the District.	28 th June so that Members could set out their terms of reference and establish the way forward for the study.	12/03/13 TBC
9/10/12	Report of the Working Group considered at the meeting. The outcome of negotiations between Anglian Water and the County Council on drainage in Yaxley is awaited.	An update has been received from Anglian Water and was reported to the Panel at its January 2013 meeting.		
15/01/13	Panel received an update on recent flooding events within the District and noted the actions taken by the Council to deliver sand bags to affected households.	The Panel has requested for a report on Emergency Planning, to include the Council's use of sandbags, to be submitted to a future meeting and for regular updates on drainage and flooding to be provided.	Request submitted to the Streetscene Manager. Invitation to be extended to the Projects and Assets Manager on a regular basis.	
10/01/12	<u>Land Use for Agricultural Purposes in the Context of Planning Policies and its Contribution to the Local Economy.</u> The Panel considered the Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy and raised concerns over the lack of reference to local agriculture in planning policies.	A Working Group comprising of Councillors Mrs M Banerjee, P M D Godfrey, G J Harlock, D Harty and Mr D Hopkins has been appointed to review the lack of promotion and protection of land for agricultural purposes and to ensure that local agriculture is included in the new local plan.	A meeting will be held with the Planning Service (Policy) Manager on 9 th February to discuss issues and establish a way forward for the Working Group.	
19/06/12	The Working Group has met on numerous occasions and have visited Mr Felce's farm.	The Working Group has met with Paul Hammett, NFU, Environmental Adviser to	The Working Group has begun summarising its findings to date in	

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11/09/12	The Panel has considered the findings to date of the Working Group.	discuss the importance of farming in Huntingdonshire. The Planning Service Manager (Policy) has advised Members that the new Local Plan would address some of the issues raised by the Working Group.	order to influence the new Local Plan. In light of concerns raised by the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy regarding the Working Group's recommendations, it was agreed that the Working Group would meet with Planning Officers to discuss the issues raised and to determine a way forward for the study. Meeting held on 4th October 2012.	
11/12/12	The final report of the Working Group was considered by Cabinet at their November meeting. All recommendations have been endorsed by the Executive.	Meeting of the Working Group held on 30th January 2013 to discuss progress against the recommendations.	This item appears elsewhere on the Agenda.	12/02/13
15/01/13	<u>Revision of Wind Power SPD</u> Panel were provided with an opportunity to comment on the draft revised Wind Power SPD which was undergoing consultation. The Panel has expressed their concerns over a number of matters including the impact of cumulative developments upon the District, the absence of any limits set on the proximity of turbines to dwellings and the group size proposed for large scale developments. With regard to the latter, the Panel is of the view that 24 turbines on one site is not an appropriate policy to adopt for Huntingdonshire. Additionally, the Panel has requested for point (e) of the guidance to be reconsidered in respect of Ouse Valley area's landscape as it was felt that this required further clarification.	Comments have been forwarded to the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy who advised that he would include Members views as part of the consultation.	The consultation outcome report is expected in March 2013.	12/03/13

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11/12/12	<u>Green Waste and Energy Generation</u> Panel requested for a scoping report to be submitted on what opportunities the Council might have in terms of generating energy from green waste.	Request submitted to the Heads of Environmental Management and Operations. Head of Operations has submitted the following response <i>"The present PFI waste treatment contract is a 25 year contract and covers the treatment of residual waste through the MBT plant and green/kitchen waste through the in vessel composting plant. As a district waste collection authority we have to deliver residual waste where the County directs us as they have responsibility for its treatment and disposal. However, the district councils are signatories to the PFI agreement in their own right and therefore bound by that. The one area where there may be an opportunity is if the waste from the MBT was formulated to be a fuel but with the development of the Peterborough energy recovery plant this fuel could be sent there as part of the Advanced Waste Partnership project"</i>.	The Head of Operations will be delivering a presentation to Executive Leaders Strategy Group at their meeting on 26th February with a view to bringing a report before the Panel thereafter. Report anticipated March/April 2013.	12/03/13 or 9/04/13
10/07/12	<u>Rural Transport</u> Report received on Transport for Cambridgeshire. A number of comments have been made and were conveyed to the Cabinet. The Panel wishes to review the provision of transportation in rural areas and has requested sight of the final report to be submitted to them at a future meeting.	Request submitted to the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy.		TBC

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11/12/12	<u>Notice of Executive Decisions</u> Procuring a Green Deal Partner Relationship for Cambridgeshire Report due for consideration by the Panel at its February 2013 meeting.	Head of Environmental Management has requested for the report to be considered by the Panel prior to its submission to the Cabinet.	Report expected February 2013. This appears elsewhere on the Agenda.	12/02/13
	Local Plan – Stage 2 Consultation Outcomes Owing to the Panel's interest in the subject matter the Local Plan will be submitted to the Panel at its March 2013 meeting.	Request submitted to the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy.	Report expected March 2013.	12/03/13
	<u>Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership (HSP)</u> The Panel has a legal duty to scrutinise the work of the HSP, with the following thematic group falling within the Panel's remit:- Growth and Infrastructure Panel is yet to undertake some scrutiny of this thematic group.	The item will be programmed in for a future Panel meeting as appropriate.		TBC