

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING PANELS

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS
Delivery of Advisory Services Across the District	To monitor the performance of the voluntary/community organisations awarded grant aid by the Council in 2013 – 2015. To discuss funding arrangements for the final year of the Voluntary sector agreements.	Social Well-Being	The Panel received presentations at its October 2015 meeting from the six organisations currently in receipt of three year funding awards (Strategic Grants) which are due to end in March 2016. Further reports from the Head of Community are due in advance of an application process for future grant funding being launched in early 2016.
Housing and Council Tax Benefit Changes and the Potential Impact Upon Huntingdonshire	To monitor the effect of Government changes to the Housing Benefit System arising from the Welfare Reform Act.	Social Well-Being	The Panel received a report on the effect of the Government's Welfare Reform programme and how it impacts on households in Huntingdonshire in December 2014. It was agreed that further updates will only be provided as circumstances require.
Affordable Housing	To make recommendations for the next Housing Strategy 2016-19 by considering and making recommendations on ways to deliver affordable housing, including through the rural and enabled exceptions policy of the Local Plan and through the Community Land Trust.	Social Well-Being	A report on the Working Group's findings and recommendations is due to be submitted for the Panel's November 2015 meeting.
The Health Economy	To establish priorities for future work on the local health economy.	Social Well-Being	Scoping paper considered. Further reports requested on: • the current state of Neighbourhood Planning within the area and how it was likely to develop and how it might promote community resilience; • community engagement, including examples of good practice; • the impact of Welfare Reforms, including fuel poverty and how it was defined;

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			• reviewing the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment arrangements, and • the impact of growth on GP surgeries, school places and hospital capacity.
Flood Prevention within the District	To investigate flood prevention arrangements in the District and the impact of flooding on associated local policy developments.	Environmental Well-Being	Following a presentation on flood risk management from representatives of the Environment Agency, a scoping report was considered by the Panel in April 2014 and a Working Group appointed. The Chief Executive and Clerk to the Middle Level Commissioners delivered a presentation to the Panel's June 2014 meeting to outline their role with flood alleviation in the District and the working group met in March 2015 to consider the draft Cambridgeshire Flooding and Water SPD.
Waste Collection Policies	To assist the Head of Operations and Executive Member for Operations & Environment with reviewing waste collection policies in relation to the collection points for wheeled bins/sacks and remote properties (farms and lodges).	Environmental Well-Being	The Working Group's activities are currently on hold until the Operations Review has been completed and implemented. A draft new operational policy for garden waste contamination was considered at the Panel's September meeting in advance of a future report to Cabinet.
Litter Policies and Practices (to include graffiti removal)	To consider and make recommendations on future litter and graffiti service scope and standards and on public appetite for changes.	Environmental Well-Being	The Working Group's activities are currently on hold until the Operations Review has been completed and implemented.