

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH)** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, CAMBS, PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2018** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

**Contact
(01480)**

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2018.

**A Green
388008**

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests in relation to any Agenda item.

3. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (Pages 9 - 12)

A copy of the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions is attached. Members are invited to note the Plan and to comment as appropriate on any items contained therein.

**B Buddle
388007**

4. GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING UPDATE (Pages 13 - 20)

To receive an update on growth and infrastructure planning and delivery.

**C Burton
388274**

5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROGRESS (Pages 21 - 26)

Members are to receive the work programmes for all Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

**A Green
388008**

Dated this 28th day of February 2018



Head of Paid Service

Notes

1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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- (b) is an interest of -

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- (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or
- (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners

and you are aware that the other person has the interest.

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- (b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);
- (c) any current contracts with the Council;
- (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;
- (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;
- (f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or
- (g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

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(5) A Member has a non-statutory disclosable interest where -

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- (b) it relates to or is likely to affect a disclosable pecuniary interest, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association, or
- (c) it relates to or is likely to affect any body –
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature; or
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes; or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a Member or in a position of control or management.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) held in Civic Suite 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 16th January 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor D B Dew – Chairman.
Councillors E R Butler, Mrs S Conboy,
I D Gardener, T D Sanderson,
D R Underwood and K D Wainwright.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors C E Bober, B Hyland, D J Mead and Mrs J Tavener.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Mrs P A Jordan and M F Shellens.

39. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

41. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Panel received and noted the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which has been prepared by the Executive Leader for the period 1st January 2018 to 30th April 2018.

Members were informed that, due to events, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Local Enterprise Partnership has been removed from the Notice of Key Executive Decisions.

42. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

Mr Peter Lowe, R.T.A. Associates, was in attendance to give the Panel an overview presentation on Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). Before beginning the presentation Mr Lowe informed Members of his background and experience in the area of CPE.

The Panel was informed of the legislation underpinning CPE. Specifically, that Road Traffic Act 1991 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 gives local authorities the power to enforce parking contraventions.

When informing Members of the benefits of CPE, Mr Lowe stated that: the revenue of the Penalty Charge Notice go to the Local Authority, as opposed to a Police Fixed Penalty Notice which goes to

central government; the Council decides the enforcement required and applied; new traffic management schemes, such as resident parking schemes, can be introduced and enforced; and CPE provides encouragement for motorists to use car parks.

Members were informed of the disadvantages including: there is no going back once CPE is introduced; there is an increased workload for the Council with increased expectations on service provision and CPE is not a major revenue earner.

Mr Lowe also informed Members of: the national position, background issues, the steps to implementation, service delivery options, charging for parking and the way forward.

The Chairman reminded Members of the background CPE has at Huntingdonshire District Council, including that the Council had considered taking on CPE in 2015 but at the time the Cabinet did not support adopting it.

A Member asked could a Parish or Town Council take on CPE if the District Council does not. In response, Members were informed that the County Council would have to submit an application, for CPE, to the Government on behalf of the District Council to cover every Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) within the boundary of Huntingdonshire. If the District Council does not take on CPE then Parish and Town Councils cannot bypass the District and enforce themselves. If the District Council does take on CPE, then Parish or Town Councils have the option to purchase additional resources from the District to specifically enforce TROs within their Parish or Town.

Following a question, in regards to which authority has to pay for the painting and maintenance of lines, the Panel was informed that the responsibility lies with the County Council. Although, the District, Parish or Town Councils can fund the painting of and maintenance of lines. In addition, it was clarified that the Highways Authority doesn't have to paint lines and erect sign and that this could be done by the District, Parish or Town Council so long as the County Council agrees and completes the administration.

A concern was raised that CPE would be expensive to set up and run, in response Members were informed that there is a feasibility study which the Strategic Review of Car Parking Task and Finish Group will review before a recommendation is made from the Group to Cabinet. It was reiterated that the recommendation would be seen by Overview and Scrutiny before it was presented to Cabinet.

Another Member raised a concern regarding the set up costs and asked would the Council have to enforce all the TROs at the same time when adopting CPE. In response, the Panel was informed that all TROs would have to be enforced. However, following a further question about TROs, Members were informed that until six months before adoption the Council could remove, or add, TROs.

In response to a question of how CPE would affect Blue Badge Holders, the Panel was informed that all that would change is that the rules would be enforced and that Blue Badge Holders would have to adhere to the rules that apply to them.

The Panel would like to thank Officers for arranging the overview presentation on CPE.

43. HOUGHTON AND WYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

With the aid of a report by the Senior Planning Policy Officer (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), the Houghton and Wyton Neighbourhood Plan was presented to the Panel.

The Senior Planning Policy Officer introduced the report to Members and in doing so stated that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic requirements and should proceed to referendum. In addition, the Houghton and Wyton Parish Councillors are content for the Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to referendum.

Members were informed that the statutory requirement before the referendum is held is a 28 working days' notice. In addition there is a requirement that the referendum is held within 56 working days of the decision that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum.

In response to a question regarding the amendments, the Panel was informed that the first examiner suggested amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, these amendments were made and reviewed by the second examiner. The second examiner decided that the modified plan had met the minimum requirements.

The Panel recommends to Cabinet that the Neighbourhood Plan progresses to referendum.

(At 7.56pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs P A Jordan left the meeting and did not return.)

(At 8.00pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor M F Shellens left the meeting and did not return.)

44. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROGRESS

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), the Panel reviewed the work programmes for all Overview and Scrutiny Panels since the last meeting.

In response to a question regarding the collapse of Carillion, the Panel was informed this only affects the Council in respect to the works on the A14 upgrade, where Carillion has a contract in conjunction with Skanska.

Chairman

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NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS INCLUDING THOSE TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Prepared by Councillor G J Bull, Executive Leader of the Council
Date of Publication: 21 February 2018
For Period: 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018

Membership of the Cabinet is as follows:-

Councillor G J Bull	Executive Leader of the Council	Councillor R Fuller	Deputy Executive Leader and Executive Councillor for Housing and Planning
Councillor D Brown	Executive Councillor for Commercial and Shared Services	Councillor J A Gray	Executive Councillor for Strategic Resources
Councillor S Cawley	Executive Councillor for Transformation and Customers	Councillor J White	Executive Councillor for Operations
Councillor Mrs A Dickinson	Executive Councillor for Community Resilience, Well-Being, and Regulatory Services		

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- Notes:- (i) Additions changes from the previous Forward Plan are annotated ***
 (ii) Part II confidential items which will be considered in private are annotated ## and shown in italic.

10 Subject/Matter for Decision	Decision/ recommendation to be made by	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private.	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Lettings Policy Review	Cabinet	22 Mar 2018		Jon Collen, Housing Needs and Resources Manager Tel No. 01480 388220 or email: jon.collen@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		R Fuller	Performance and Customers
Growth and Infrastructure Planning Update***	Cabinet	22 Mar 2018		Clara Kerr, Planning Services Manager Tel No. 01480 388430 or email: clara.kerr@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		R Fuller	Economy and Growth
Business Case for Document Centre Commercialisation##	Cabinet	22 Mar 2018		Chris Stopford, Head of Community Tel No. 01480 388280 or email: chris.stopford@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		D Brown	Performance and Customers
Shared Service 2018/19 Business Plans***##	Cabinet	19 Apr 2018		Oliver Morley Tel No. 01480 388103 or email: oliver.morley@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		D Brown	Performance and Customers

Subject/Matter for Decision	Decision/ recommendation to be made by	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Car Parking Strategy Task and Finish Group - Update***	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J White	Economy and Growth
Community Resilience Plan***	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Chris Stopford, Head of Community Tel No. 01480 388280 or email: chris.stopford@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		Mrs A Dickinson	Communities and Environment
Hinchingbrooke Country Park Long Term Business Plan***##	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J White	Communities and Environment
Paxton Pits Long Term Business Plan***##	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J White	Communities and Environment
Godmanchester Nursery Update***##	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J White	Communities and Environment

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Growth and Infrastructure Update

Meeting/Date: Overview & Scrutiny (Economy & Growth) – 8th March 2018

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Housing & Planning

Report by: Planning Service Manager (Growth)

Ward(s) affected: All

RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to comment on the progress of infrastructure delivery and partnership working with stakeholders, including the multi-partner work of the Growth & Infrastructure Group, and recommend to Cabinet that officers continue the positive partnership working to identify infrastructure funding and opportunities to invest CIL income in 2018/2019 and opportunities to leverage other funding. The Cabinet report is attached at Appendix A.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Growth & Infrastructure Update
Meeting/Date: Cabinet – 22nd March
Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Housing and Planning
Report by: Planning Service Manager (Growth)
Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

This quarterly report provides an update on growth and infrastructure delivery. It highlights progress with the Infrastructure Delivery Plan – specifically with Part 3 - Infrastructure Prioritisation, Funding and Programme Management.

The report also identifies progress on the key strategic transport issues and an outline of the ongoing proactive partnership work to identify infrastructure funding and opportunities to invest CIL income.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet endorses that officers continue the positive partnership working to identify infrastructure funding and opportunities to invest CIL income in 2018/2019 and opportunities to leverage other funding.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update of growth and infrastructure matters and seeks affirmation of progress made.
- 1.2 The main purpose of the report is to:
- Advise of progress with Part 3 of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) - Infrastructure Prioritisation, Funding and Programme Management
 - Highlight progress on the key strategic transport issues
 - Provide an update on partnership working with other bodies to invest in infrastructure and the expectation of agreement of key projects within the Growth & Infrastructure Group in June

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY/BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Cabinet meeting on 19 November 2015 it was resolved that quarterly reports on progress with infrastructure planning were necessary to ensure the delivery of the Local Plan objectives.

3. PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 3.1 Members previously agreed (December 2015) to revise the Terms of Reference for the Growth & Infrastructure Group along with the governance structure to approve Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) expenditure. The membership of the group was strengthened to enable more direct input from elected Members of both the District and County councils and clarifying the membership, including Town/Parish representation, statutory infrastructure partners such as the Environment Agency and NHS, and also the Combined Authority.
- 3.2 The Growth and Infrastructure Group has now formally met in this new format, with the inception meeting taking place on 5 February 2018. The group will have a pivotal role to support co-ordination and delivery of strategic growth and infrastructure. A wide range of partners will be involved to identify and support key infrastructure delivery for the district, including investment of CIL income. The Group will also act as a Project Board to support projects that enable delivery of strategic sites and ensure the project schedules within the IDP are updated and adapted to account for emerging infrastructure needs.
- 3.3 Work is now progressing with partners to identify their infrastructure priorities for the coming financial years and an initial Project Pro forma has been circulated for completion and submission by partners. Partners are required to demonstrate how a project has been arrived at, a project plan, estimated costs and a project timeline for delivery. The group will make recommendations on CIL spend to Cabinet via the Overview and Scrutiny process. For a project to be recommended and successfully attract funding, it will need to demonstrate a clear purpose and ideally also how other sources of funding might be leveraged or match funded. Overall the objective is to further enable new growth or homes, employment and infrastructure as identified in the Local Plan. The Council is also represented at officer level at the Cambridgeshire Strategic Infrastructure Group. The terms of reference for this group identify a need to support a comprehensive county-wide infrastructure plan ensuring that joint key infrastructure issues can be worked on together with the support of the Combined Authority, which is now also represented on the group. The full terms of reference attached to the Cabinet report December 2015 can be found here:

- 3.4 A 'meaningful proportion' of between 15% and 25% of CIL received is transferred under legislative requirements to the local Parish or Town Council where the development has commenced. A programme of meetings with Town and Parish Councils has commenced to promote alignment of CIL income on future infrastructure development. The legislation requires that a 'meaningful proportion' of the CIL received is passed to the Parish or Town Council - 15% of CIL income received has to be transferred to Town/Parish Councils. Currently HDC transfers sums every six months and in the case of settlements with a Neighbourhood Plan, the proportion is 25%. Decisions of expenditure on CIL receipts are at the discretion of the Town/parish Council but the Council is encouraging agreement on investment to best meet the growth aims of the Parish and wider area. To date, meetings have been held with St Neots, St Ives, Ramsey and Brampton with a meeting scheduled for Huntingdon. A local council, including Parish Councils must use CIL receipts to support development of the local council's area by funding (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. There is an obligation on Town and Parish Councils to report annually on the spend of monies either by publishing a report on their own website or on the website of the charging authority for an area if the local council does not have their own website. Ideally, the use of CIL should be deployed on common purposes identified through the IDP.
- 3.5 Engagement and joint working has also been progressed with external partners including the County Council, Health, Education and Fire authorities to understand the future infrastructure needs of these bodies.

4. GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND DELIVERY PLAN

- 4.1 Further to the publication of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (parts 1 and 2) as part of the Local Plan 2036 evidence base, work is ongoing on part 3 of this suite of infrastructure documents – the Infrastructure Prioritisation, Funding and Programme Management Plan. The purpose of the Part 3 document is to provide a programme management tool to assist the Council and its partners in delivering the necessary infrastructure to support growth in the District. The report is due for completion in March 2018. It will replace the Infrastructure Business Plan 2013/14 and be available to view on the CIL pages of the Council website, as is the current Infrastructure Business Plan.

5. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE

- 5.1 Progress on key projects is outlined below:

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement

Discharge of Conditions on individual sections and development design for Section 6, Huntingdon Town centre

The A14 Strategic Stakeholder Board has been reviewed and been re-established as two groups, namely the Construction Impact Board which will discuss the issues arising out of the construction programme (road marking, closures etc.) and the Strategic Advisory Board, which will discuss the opportunities and legacy arising out of the A14 project at the strategic level.

<p>Physical works continue to timetable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 – Section 1 A1 widening between Alconbury and Brampton Hut– from December 2016 to summer 2018 • Phase 1 – Section 2 Brampton Hut to East Coast Main Line (ECML) – from December 2016 to autumn 2019 • Phase 2 – Section 3 ECML to Swavesey – from early 2017 to summer 2019 • Phase 3 – Section 4 Swavesey to Girton – from early 2017 to summer 2019 • Phase 4 – Section 5 Girton to Milton – from Summer 2018to autumn2019

A428: Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvement:

<p>Highways England/Jacobs are progressing to the Preferred Route announcement stage, carrying out technical assessments and surveys</p>
<p>The implications of the A1 East of England Strategic Study on the project are being considered. This is being considered by Highways England and an updated position on the preferred route is expected early in the new year. No specific dates have yet been provided.</p>
<p>Proposed timetable is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn 2017 - Formal consultation on Preferred scheme • Summer 2018 - Submission of DCO application • Winter 2019 - Secretary of State decision • Spring 2020 - Commencement of Works

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

<p>Jacobs are now appointed to work with Highways England to take forward the next stage of the Oxford-Cambridge project work (funding for this work was identified in 2016 Autumn Statement – this is for the Stage 1 Corridor and Route Option Identification and Selection only, up to 2019 when route options shortlisted for consultation)</p>
<p>Proposed timetable for whole route (M4 to M11) is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2018 -Decision on Expressway corridor choice • Autumn 2019 -Identification of route options within corridor choice • Autumn 2020 -Preferred route announcement Road Investment Strategy (RIS) 2 covering 2020-2025 -commence construction • Road Investment Strategy (RIS) 3 covering 2025-2030- completion

East Coast Main Line

<p>The East Coast Main Line (ECML) Route Study Report for long term growth and investment was published in December 2017 with a three month consultation period. The aim is to have an open collaborative approach to planning for the future of the network and present choices to investors and funders. The report sets out the need to enable capacity growth and speed improvements throughout the network as well as the implications that High Speed Line 2 may have on the network when completed beyond 2030. Level crossing closures are proposed to increase safety and better use of technology can increase track capacity.</p>
<p>The report includes the Huntingdon to Woodwalton four tracking project as a growth option, within the medium cost category (£20m-£200m). The main work is scheduled from summer 2018 to Autumn 2020 and opening in Winter 2020. Reference is also made to a rail-enabled housing development (namely Alconbury Weald) and the viability of a</p>

new mainline station there to offer a major boost to housing values and shape investment.

Deadline for responses to the consultation is 16.3.18. The Council will submit a response but the timescales for responding to this consultation do not allow for referral to Cabinet. The consultation response will therefore be endorsed by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning in consultation with the Head of Development prior to submission.

East-West Rail

Network Rail is continuing to work with stakeholders and the ECML Route Study Report (highlighted above) identifies there may be provision for a passenger interchange with the East Coast Main Line (ECML) at Sandy. HDC will need to consider the scope to lobby the route and station provisions to be closer to St Neots in order to support the growth potential and economic success of the District, connectivity to Cambridge and beyond, and to ensure inward investment within the district.

6. COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

- 6.1 The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economy & Growth) will be provided to Cabinet on or before the meeting.

7. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND / OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 7.1 The work on growth and infrastructure relates to the strategic priority of Delivering Sustainable Growth and specifically two associated strategic objectives.

- 7.2 The first objective under the strategic priority is as follows:
“To improve the supply of new and affordable housing, jobs and community facilities to meet future need.”

Our work programme includes:

- *“ensuring an adequate supply of housing to meet objectively assessed needs;*
- *planning and delivering the provision of decent market and affordable housing for current and future needs;*
- *ensuring that there are the right community facilities to accommodate the housing growth.”*

The relevant key actions are:

- *prepare the Local Plan;*
- *facilitate delivery of new housing on the large strategic sites at:*
 - *St Neots*
 - *Alconbury Weald*

- 7.3 The second related objective under the strategic priority is as follows:
“To remove infrastructure barriers to growth”

Our work programme includes:

- *influencing the development of the Highways and Transport Infrastructure Strategy; and*
- *facilitating the delivery of infrastructure to support housing growth.*

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific additional resource implications.

9 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

9.1 To update Members on progress of work regarding growth and infrastructure delivery across the district. To gain Members endorsement that officers continue the positive partnership working to identify infrastructure funding and opportunities to invest CIL income in 2018/2019.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet report December 2015 –

<http://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=256&Mid=5683&Ver=4>

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Panel	Study	Date	Status	Action	Date for Future Action
Communities & Environment 21	Forward Programme		Below are a list of reports to be presented at future Panel meetings:		
	March 2018		Luminus/Places For People Presentation	Luminus/Places for People (External)	06/03/18
	April 2018		Final report of the Tree Strategy Working Group	Tree Group (Cllrs Alban, Chapman, Davies and Tavener)	03/04/18
	June 2018		Community Resilience Plan	C Stopford – Head of Community	05/06/18
			Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership Annual Update	C Stopford – Head of Community	"
			Hinchingbrooke County Park Long Term Business Plan (Exempt Item)	N Sloper – Head of Operations	"
			Paxton Pits Long Term Business Plan (Exempt Item)	N Sloper – Head of Operations	"
			Godmanchester Nursery Update (Exempt Item)	N Sloper – Head of Operations	"
Communities & Environment	Future of Hinchingbrooke Country Park, Paxton Pits, Godmanchester Nursery and Public Rights of Way	01/11/16	The Panel received an exempt report on the contractual arrangements and potential improvement programme of Hinchingbrooke Country Park. The Cabinet received the same report but including the Panel's comments at its meeting in November 2016.	The Cabinet made a decision on the report. The decision remains confidential whilst negotiations are taking place.	
		07/03/17	Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Maintenance Manager, Mr Jonathan Clarke, was	A report on Hinchingbrooke Country Park is expected at the Panel meeting in June 2018.	05/06/18

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			in attendance to update Members on the maintenance of Huntingdonshire's Public Rights of Way.	A report on Paxton Pits is expected at the Panel meeting in June 2018. A report on Godmanchester Nursery is expected at the Panel meeting in June 2018.	05/06/18 05/06/18
Communities & Environment 22	Community Resilience Plan including relationships with Parish and Town Councils and the County Council	04/07/17	The Executive Councillor for Community Resilience and Well-Being gave Members an update on the Community Resilience Plan and encouraging Members to become ambassadors for the Council.	A Community Resilience Plan will be presented to the Panel.	05/06/18
Communities & Environment	Reports Due and Regular Items Representatives on External Organisations Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership	Annual 04/10/16	Selected Members represent the Council on various External Organisations. The Panel received updates at its meetings in November 2016 and March 2017. Annual review of the work of the Partnership. The 2016/17 report is scheduled to be presented to the Panel in June 2018.	Next report is due at the Panel meeting in December 2018. A six month update report is due at a future meeting of the Panel.	04/12/18 05/06/18

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	Air Quality in Huntingdonshire	05/09/17	The Panel received a presentation from the Senior Public Health Manager – Environment and Planning at Cambridgeshire County Council on Air Quality in Huntingdonshire.	The Panel resolved to revisit the issue at a future Panel meeting.	To be decided
23 Economy & Growth	Forward Programme		Below are a list of reports to be presented at future Panel meetings:		
	March 2018		Growth and Infrastructure Planning Update	C Kerr – Planning Service Manager (Policy)	08/03/18
	June 2018		Car Parking Strategy Task and Finish Group – Strategy	N Sloper – Head of Operations	07/06/18
			Huntingdonshire Economic Growth Plan 2013 – 2023	S Bedlow – Economic Development Manager	"
			Combined Authority Update	Executive Leader	"
Economy & Growth	Strategic Review of Car Parking	03/11/16	Following Cabinet's agreement to set up a Strategic Task and Finish Group, the Panel discussed the Strategic Review of Car Parking. The Panel appointed Councillors D B Dew, R Fuller, I D Gardener and T D Sanderson to the group.		
		06/04/17	A project overview and scoping document was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.	It was agreed that the Task and Finish Group will not be led by Overview and Scrutiny; however the Panel will be responsible for the scrutiny of	

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		05/10/17	The Car Parking Vision was presented to Overview and Scrutiny and then to Cabinet on 12th October when it was approved.	the Task and Finish Group's work. To date the Group have held four meetings to finalise the Car Parking Vision. Work on the Strategy is progressing. The Group has held two meetings (October and November) since the Vision was presented to Members. The strategy is due to be presented to the Panel in June.	07/06/18
Economy & Growth 24	Local Plan To 2036	06/10/16 12/12/17	Members agreed to keep the Local Plan to 2036 on the work programme. A task and finish group has not be established however the Panel have agreed that the Chairman should become the Panel expert on the topic. The Panel received and discussed the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036.		
Economy & Growth	Combined Authority	06/10/16 02/11/17	Members agreed to keep Devolution on the work programme however before appointing a Panel expert, Members would like to invite the relevant Executive Councillor responsible to a future Panel meeting to update the Panel on what work has been done so far. The Panel are to receive an update on the work of the Combined Authority from Councillors R B Howe and T Hayward.	The Panel are to receive a six month update on the work of the Combined Authority.	07/06/18

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Economy & Growth	Reports Due and Regular Items		Below are a list of reports to be presented at future Panel meetings:		
	Representatives on External Organisations	Annual	Selected Members represent the Council on various External Organisations. The Panel received updates at its meetings in November 2016 and February 2017.	Next report is due at the Panel meeting in December 2017.	06/12/18
	Marketing Strategy Work Programme	Annual	The Panel have requested annual updates on the work programme.	Report was presented in July 2017 and the next one is due at the Panel meeting in July 2018.	06/12/18
Performance & Customers	Forward Programme				
	March 2018		Lettings Policy Review	J Collen – Housing Needs and Resource Manager	05/03/18
	April 2018		Shared Service 2018/19 Business Plans (Exempt Item)	O Morley – Corporate Director (Services)	04/04/18
	June 2018		Commercialisation – Business Case 2 (Exempt Item)	C Stopford – Head of Community	06/06/18
	July 2018		Twelve Month Review of Bearscroft Farm Local Lettings Plan	J Collen – Housing Needs and Resource Manager	04/07/18
			Commercial Investment Strategy Business Plan Phase 1	C Mason – Head of Resources	"

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			Assets Disposals – Part 1 (Exempt Item)	C Luscombe – Estates Strategic Assessment Officer	"
			Site Disposal B (Exempt Item)	C Luscombe – Estates Strategic Assessment Officer	"
Performance & Customers 26	One Leisure Value For Money	05/07/17 12/09/17	The Panel agreed to create the Task and Finish Group. The following are Members of the Group: Councillors R C Carter, D B Dew, Mrs L A Duffy, M Francis, Mrs D C Reynolds and R J West. The first meeting of the Task and Finish Group was held.	A second meeting was held in November. The Group has decided to question previous Portfolio Holders. Also a substantial amount of evidence has been presented to the Group for review and their findings will be presented to the Panel in their final report.	04/04/18