

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY 2024** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth) meeting held on 6th December 2023.

Contact Officer: B Buddle
01480 388008

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

Contact Officer: B Buddle
01480 388008

3. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 24)

- a) The Panel are to receive and comment on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme and current Notice of Key Executive Decisions.
- b) Members to discuss future planning of items for the Work Programme.

Contact Officer: H Peacey
01480 388169

4. CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE

The Panel is to receive a presentation providing an update on the Corporate Plan.

Executive Councillor: S Ferguson

Contact Officer: J Taylor
01480 388119

5. HUNTINGDONSHIRE PLACE STRATEGY UPDATE (Pages 25 - 38)

To receive a presentation and discuss the Huntingdonshire Place Strategy Update.

Executive Councillor: S Conboy

**Contact Officer: N Sloper
01480 388635**

20 day of December 2023

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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Please contact Mrs Beccy Buddle, Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny), Tel No. 01480 388008/e-mail Beccy.Buddle@huntingdonshire.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee/Panel.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH) held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor C M Gleadow – Chair.

Councillors A M Blackwell, S J Corney,
I D Gardener, J E Harvey, S A Howell,
A R Jennings, Dr M Pickering, R A Slade,
N Wells and G J Welton.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor R Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors T Sanderson and S Wakeford.

46. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor S Howell declared a non-registerable interest in Minute 23/49 as a ward member for Yaxley.

Councillor R Slade declared an other registerable interest in Minute 23/50 as a Town Councillor for St Neots.

Councillor A Blackwell declared an other registerable interest in Minute 23/51 as a Town Councillor for Huntingdon.

Councillor C Gleadow declared a non-registerable interest in Minute 23/51 as a ward member for St Ives.

Councillor R Slade declared an other registerable interest in Minute 23/51 as a Town Councillor for St Neots.

Councillor N Wells declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute 23/51 as a resident of The Broadway, St Ives.

Councillor A Blackwell declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute 23/53 as an employee of Carter Jonas.

Councillor S Corney declared a non-registerable interest in Minute 23/53 as a member of the Building Development Group for the Priory Centre.

Councillor A Jennings declared a non-registerable interest in Minute 23/53 as a member of the Building Development Group for the Priory

Centre.

Councillor R Slade declared a non-registerable interest in Minute 23/53 as a member of the Building Development Group for the Priory Centre.

48. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was presented to the Panel and the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions which had been prepared by the Executive Leader for the period 1st December 2023 to 31st March 2024 was noted.

49. INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT

By means of a report by the Chief Planning Officer (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book) the Infrastructure Funding Statement was presented to the Panel.

Following a question from Councillor Pickering regarding monies allocated to the Loves Farm development, it was clarified to the Panel that all monies were allocated to projects. It was further noted that the NHS and Allotments projects were outstanding and in addition that the allotments project related to the second phase of development. It was requested that a more detailed breakdown of these funds be provided to Councillor Pickering within the next week.

Councillor Gardener queried money allocated to a project in Spaldwick and whether or not this had received planning permission ahead of the funding decision. The Panel heard that details would be circulated to Councillor Gardener after further investigation.

Further to questions from Councillors Harvey and Gleadow, the Panel heard that the in kind payments referenced would be projects which would deliver infrastructure or other beneficial schemes in place of cash payments to the benefit of local residents.

In response to a question from Councillor Wells, the Panel heard that Cambridgeshire County Council, as signatories in their own right within many S106 legal agreements, were not required to provide S106 figures to the District Council but, under the legislation, were required to publish their own statement on their website. Members would be able to view this direct once published by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Following a question from Councillor Slade, the Panel were advised that dates mentioned on page 43 of the agenda pack illustrated when funding was allocated to projects and that whilst end dates would be specified within project contract details, there was not requirement on the Council as the Charging Authority to spend the funds within a given timescale.

In response to questions from Councillors Pickering and Harvey relating to CIL receipts, the Panel heard that the majority of the money as highlighted on page 39 of the agenda pack was accounted

for by virtue of being allocated to projects, however a further CIL funding round was currently ongoing which would deal with some of the surplus funds.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations contained within the report.

50. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

By means of a report by the Chief Planning Officer (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book) the Community Infrastructure Levy Update was presented to the Panel.

Councillor Gardener commented that it was positive to see that works would be beginning on the Wheatsheaf junction project.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations contained within the report.

51. MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME WINTER UPDATE 2023-2024

By means of a report by the Regeneration and Housing Delivery Manager (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book) the Market Towns Programme – Winter Update 2023/2024 was presented to the Panel.

Following an enquiry from Councillor Corney, the Panel heard that where possible common sense would be applied to project delivery to allow for a joined up approach and avoid duplication of works across projects.

Concerns were expressed by councillors Slade and Gardener surrounding the works to trees planned for the St Neots market square. The Panel were reassured that a robust communications plan was in place and would be ramped up closer to the project start. It was also noted that the County Council would be leading on this project. It was further advised that the trees removed from the square would be reutilised as nature habitats, whilst the new planting would increase the tree canopy and biodiversity in the square. Councillor Jennings raised a concern regarding the impact of the project on the Christmas lights in St Neots, the Panel heard that every attempt would be made to minimise impact on the 2024 Christmas lights within the square.

In response to a question from Councillor Jennings on the figures within Table 1 section 3, the Panel heard that more detail on budgets was anticipated within the next quarterly report due to the project start

date, however this would be investigated and further clarified to members.

In answer to a question from Councillor Howell, the Panel heard that whilst it was planned to expand the shopfront scheme across the market towns of the district, further discussions were in progress to extend this into rural key service areas. It was noted that the funding for this scheme was specific to towns at this point however further updates would be advised should they develop. Following a further question from Councillor, Harvey, it was confirmed that BID Huntingdon would continue to process the shopfront grants.

Further to a question from Councillor Pickering surrounding the retention of blue badge car parking spaces, the Panel were advised that whilst this was currently to maintain the availability of these bays, work was being undertaken by Parking Services to assess the ongoing need for these spaces within St Neots, allowing for an appropriate provision of these bays in the future.

Following an observation from Councillor Slade, it was confirmed that section 1.9 should read policy compliant planning application.

Councillor Gleadow congratulated the team on the obvious hard work which had been undertaken, a sentiment which was echoed by the Panel. Following which, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations contained within the report.

52. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

53. MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME - WINTER UPDATE PART TWO

The Panel gave consideration to an exempt report by the Regeneration and Housing Delivery Manager (a copy of which was appended in the annex to the Minute Book) on Market Towns Programme Winter Update 2023-24 (Part Two) which was presented to the Panel.

The Panel heard from the Regeneration and Housing Delivery Manager and Executive Councillor for Jobs, Economy and Housing, who introduced the report and answered Members questions.

Following the discussion, it was thereupon

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations contained within the report.

Chair

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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24

Performance and Growth Agenda Items			
Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review	Task and Finish Groups Working Groups
3 rd January 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Plan Update • Huntingdonshire Place Strategy Update 	
31 st January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final 2024/25 Budget and Medium - Term Financial Strategy (2025/26 to 2028/29) including Capital programme • 2024/25 Treasury Management, Capital and Investment Strategies • Corporate Performance Report 2023/24 Q3 		
6 th March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Towns Programme – Spring Update • Financial Performance Report 2023/24 Q3 • Corporate Plan Refresh • UK Shared Prosperity Funding Update 		
3 rd April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy Funding Allocation 		
5 th June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Towns Programme – Summer Update • Corporate Performance Report (2023/24) Quarter 4 • Finance Performance Report (2023/24) Quarter 4 • Treasury Management Outturn Report 2023/24 		

Unscheduled/Pending Further Details			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Towns Programme Business Development
Environment, Communities and Partnerships Agenda Items			
Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review	Task and Finish Groups Working Groups
4 th January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPE Update Biodiversity – Strategic Sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Reducing the Carbon Impact of Council Facilities Parks and Environment Update 	
1 st February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy Climate Emergency UK Report and Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Alternative Land Management Scheme Support to the Financially Vulnerable Amendment to Partnership Arrangements with Citizen’s Advice Rural Cambridgeshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Fen Flooding Management Update
7 th March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV Charging Strategy One Leisure Long Term Operating Model Report One Leisure Membership Architecture Review Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity for All Update HCP Investment Project Update Climate and Environment Portfolio Update 	
4 th April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPE Agency Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Leisure Annual Performance Review 	
6 th June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Climate Update 		
Unscheduled/Pending Further Details		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP Waiting Times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with Parish Councils and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of concrete affecting public buildings – specifically Hinchbrooke Hospital • Lack of NHS Dentists within the District • Corporate performance reports • Local Lettings Plan • SEUK Update 	<p>development of relationship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrogen Vehicles • Environmental impacts on planning – renewable energy, green spaces
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Task and Finish Groups

Performance and Growth

Review of External Appointments to Outside Organisations

Membership: Cllrs S Cawley, S J Corney, I D Gardener and S A Howell

Progress:

Summer 2022: Terms of Reference have been established. Questionnaire has been sent to all relevant boards and organisations. Regular meetings are established from September.

September 2022: Evidence and information gathering underway.

November 2022: Information gathering completed.

February 2023: Report presented to O&S Panel and Cabinet

March 2023: Cabinet response to the report received by the Panel.

July 2023: Communication to be sent to all Councillors who are representatives on outside organisations to advise the new reporting progress.

January 2024: Meeting scheduled

Next steps: Plan to regularly review and monitor implementation of recommendations.

Environment, Communities and Partnerships

Climate Working Group
Members: Cllrs T D Alban, J Kerr, C Lowe and D Shaw Lead Officer: Neil Sloper
Progress: November 2022: Initial Meetings held to establish Terms of Reference for the group. April 2023: Regular meetings established. Evidence and information gathering to be progressed. Group to be involved in the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Development. December 2023: Meeting scheduled for the new year to discuss HVO Fuels project Next Steps: Subgroup formed to develop the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy. Ongoing dialogue with the team to developing proposed work plan.

Climate Sub Group Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy
Members: Cllrs T D Alban, J Kerr, C Lowe and D Shaw Lead Officer: George McDowell
Progress: February 2022: Initial meeting held May 2023: Regular meetings established. Residents survey agreed. July 2023: Meeting to review the outcome of the survey. September 2023: Meeting to review applications for the EV pilot scheme November 2023: Meeting to update on progress December 2023: Meeting to finalise report detail Next Steps: Final report anticipated for March 2024 cycle of meetings

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

Prepared by: Councillor Sarah Conboy, Executive Leader of the Council
Date of Publication: 19 December 2023
For Period: 1 January 2024 to 30 April 2024

Membership of the Cabinet is as follows: -

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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.

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 (paragraph no.)	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
CPE Update	Cabinet	16 Jan 2024		George McDowell, Parking Services Officer Tel No: (01480) 388386 or Email: george.mcdowell@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		S Taylor	Environment, Communities and Partnerships
Biodiversity Strategic Sites	Cabinet	16 Jan 2024		Helen Lack, Development Manager Tel No: (01480) 388658 or Email: helen.lack@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		L Davenport-Ray	Environment, Communities and Partnerships
Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy	Cabinet	6 Feb 2024		Zoe Warren, Council Tax and Business Rates Manager - COO Division +44 1480 388461 zoe.warren@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		B Mickelburgh	Performance & Growth

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Final 2024/25 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2025/26 to 2028/29) including Capital Programme Page 20 of 38	Cabinet	6 Feb 2024		Karen Sutton, Director Finance and Corporate Services Tel No: (01480) 387072 or Email: karen.sutton@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		B Mickelburgh	Performance & Growth
2024/25 Treasury Management, Capital, and Investment Strategies	Cabinet	6 Feb 2024		Karen Sutton, Director Finance and Corporate Services Tel No: (01480) 387072 or Email: karen.sutton@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		B Mickelburgh	Performance & Growth

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Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief Policy	Cabinet	6 Feb 2024		Zoe Warren, Council Tax and Business Rates Manager - COO Division Email: Zoe.Warren@huntingdonshire.gov.uk (01480) 388461		S Ferguson	Environment, Communities & Partnerships
Climate Emergency UK Report and Action Plan	Cabinet	Not before 6 Feb 2024		Corporate Director (Place)		L Davenport-Ray	Environment, Communities & Partnerships
Market Towns Programme Spring Update	Cabinet	19 Mar 2024		Pamela Scott, Regeneration and Housing Delivery Manager pamela.scott@huntingdonshire.gov.uk +44 1480 388486		S Wakeford	Performance & Growth

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Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	Cabinet	19 Mar 2024		George McDowell, Parking Services Officer Tel: (01480) 388386 or Email: george.mcdowell@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		L Davenport-Ray	Environment, Communities & Partnerships
Corporate Performance Report 2023/24, Quarter 3	Cabinet	Between 19 Mar 2024 and 16 Apr 2024		Dan Buckridge, Business Intelligence and Performance Manager +44 1480 388065 dan.buckridge@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		M Hassall	Performance & Growth
Corporate Plan Refresh	Cabinet	19 Mar 2024		Dan Buckridge, Business Intelligence and Performance Manager +44 1480 388065 dan.buckridge@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		M Hassall	Performance & Growth

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Financial Performance Report 2023/24, Quarter 3	Cabinet	19 Mar 2024		Karen Sutton, Director Finance and Corporate Services Tel No: (01480) 387072 or Email: karen.sutton@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		B Mickelburgh	Performance & Growth
CPE Shared Prosperity Funding Update	Cabinet	Not before 19 Mar 2024		Pamela Scott, Regeneration and Housing Delivery Manager pamela.scott@huntingdonshire.gov.uk - +44 1480 388486		B Mickelburgh	Performance & Growth
CPE Agency Agreement	Cabinet	16 Apr 2024		George McDowell, Parking Services Officer Tel No: (01480) 388386 or Email: george.mcdowell@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		L Davenport-Ray	Environment, Communities & Partnerships

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Community Infrastructure Levy Funding Allocation	Cabinet	16 Apr 2024		Claire Burton, Implementation Team Leader Tel No: 01480 388274 or email: Claire.Burton@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		T Sanderson	Performance & Growth

Public
Key Decision - No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter:	Huntingdonshire Place Strategy Update
Meeting/Date:	Overview & Scrutiny (Performance & Growth) 3 January 2024
Executive Portfolio:	Cllr Sarah Conboy, Executive Leader, Chair of The Cabinet and Executive Councillor for Place
Report by:	Neil Sloper, Assistant Director (Strategic Insights & Delivery)
Ward(s) affected:	All

Executive Summary:

The report seeks engagement and critical thinking from the panel, to help shape and launch the Festival of Place, a celebration, supporting the delivery of Huntingdonshire Futures, the 20–30-year vision for Huntingdonshire.

Background

Huntingdonshire Futures is a statement of shared aspirations for the future that seeks to improve the lives of all our residents, communities, and businesses. The project is bigger than the Council in isolation, sitting separately from the HDC Corporate Plan presenting a strategy for place. The headline ambition of Huntingdonshire Futures is to help transform the culture by encouraging embedded partnership working and to enable our partners to work “differently together”. The project will help shape the future of Huntingdonshire over the next 20-30 years.

Adopted in March 2023, Huntingdonshire Futures was the culmination of many months of engagement with residents, partners, elected representatives and other stakeholders. The Strategy describes a brighter future for Huntingdonshire via five journey themes; Pride in Place, Environment Innovation, Inclusive Economy, Health Embedded and Travel Transformed.

The Council’s own Corporate Plan seeks to ensure the Council works to **influence, enable, and contribute** to delivering a place with the highest possible quality of life. ‘**Working together**’ is a key principle for the Council, as the challenges we face can only be solved through working collaboratively and the responsibility is not the Council’s alone.

The project to support Huntingdonshire Futures to transition from vision and strategy into actions co-created and co-designed with our partners, stakeholders, businesses, and communities is part of this approach, only by working with people can we make sure Huntingdonshire is a place where our communities can have a good life taking advantage of all opportunities.

Huntingdonshire Futures aims to guide not only the Council's future strategy, policy developments and investment decisions, but those of our partners. It seeks to enable different ideas and solutions of working together on effective delivery of integrated interventions that better serve the current and future needs of residents, communities, and businesses.

The context of this current activity.

Since adoption of the Place Strategy, the project has moved into a staged delivery phase, aimed at delivering Huntingdonshire Futures. Stakeholders have been encouraged to help form steering groups which will lead to action planning and project delivery.

The current project phase is still concentrated on establishing effective steering groups for each journey theme, accompanied by a governance framework, moulded to each steering group's individual needs.

The Council's commitment to pro-actively work with partners and stakeholders throughout 2023/24 has resulted in a step-change of project resourcing, to help support these new ways of working. This Step-change also included the creation of a "Festival of Huntingdonshire" to coincide with Huntingdonshire Day and The Council's 50th Anniversary of creation and the 40th Anniversary of when the Council was named Huntingdonshire District Council. All these landmark dates occur throughout 2024.

The opportunities described, underpin the Celebration of Huntingdonshire work, and provide multiple opportunities for our communities and interested parties to engage by demonstrating their support for Huntingdonshire aligned with the narratives of the project to date.

RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to engage and provide critical thinking, by means of an open discussion, helping shape how we can best support this opportunity when considering the Council's Enable, Influence and Do narrative. The panel are invited to help us understand how we can help amplify the message into our communities. The Panel would be welcomed to express how members can help shape these opportunities beyond this session, whether by a dedicated workshop or other activity which could further enhance the outcomes described as part of a Festival of Place.

Shaping What Makes Huntingdonshire Special

Festival of Place That

Delivers Huntingdonshire Futures

Background

- In 2022 Huntingdonshire District Council engaged in the widest consultation in Huntingdonshire's history.
- This established Huntingdonshire Futures, our co-designed strategy for place.
- 5 journeys were identified by the people and communities of Huntingdonshire
- 2 journeys were prioritised and activity launched in 2023 – Health Embedded and Inclusive Economy.

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What If... Togetherness

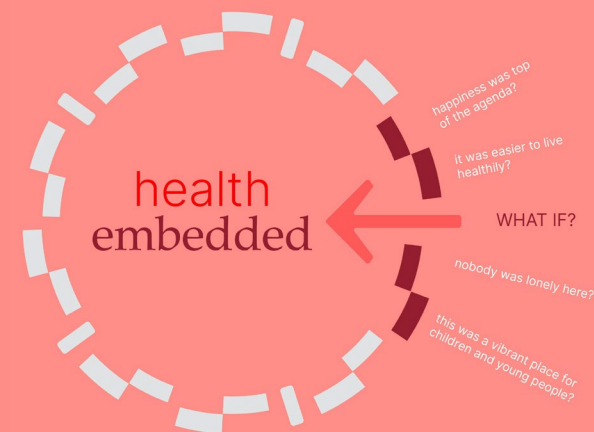
- The priority of the Health Embedded steering group, to combat loneliness and social isolation by:



- Decreasing loneliness amongst our residents
- Emphasising happiness for people in Huntingdonshire

What if...

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- you could connect people of different backgrounds, ages, ethnicities, religions, and experiences?
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What if Skills & Opportunities

- The goal of the Inclusive Economy Steering Group, is to *connect people to opportunities by:*



- Our businesses and organisations working hand in hand with local young people
- Residents aware of and learning new skills at all life stages


What if...

- you could do something new to connect young people to aspire through opportunities in Huntingdonshire?
- you could invest in an activity offering skills to support employability?
- your school could use technology to bring opportunities to life?



What if We are proud of where we live and work

To encourage people to feel connected to Huntingdonshire and a sense of pride in our heritage and innovation.



Pathways from the
Journey

- Creating a strong identity for the whole of Huntingdonshire
- Building up community resilience
- Making high streets as the centre of social and cultural life

What if...

- you could organize an activity that improves your local area?
- you could hold a day that brings together your community?
- you could run an event celebrating the history of your town, village, or parish?



What Outputs Could We Achieve?

What if Councillors could champion:

- Community led action/activities
- Local volunteering activity
- Activity that brings community together
- Action that brings the journeys and pathways of Huntingdonshire Futures to life.
- Actions that are co-designed, co-created and community delivered.
- Activity that connects, refreshes and broadens stakeholders
- A platform to celebrate.
- Pipeline of future ideas, linked to Huntingdonshire Futures

What Outcomes Could We Achieve?

Improved quality of life for local people:

- Better health, mental and physical
- Community led actions, by the people for the people
- Smaller community groups enabled during challenging times
- Better connected, to opportunities and community-based support

A better Huntingdonshire for future generations:

- Improved public environment/spaces
- Increased awareness of Huntingdonshire Futures, bringing it to life.
- Broadening stakeholders, re-engaging with our communities.
- Pride in place

How Best to do this in 2024/25?

What should we do, and how should we do it?

What do you think?

How Best to do this in 2024/25?

Skills and Opportunities

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Togetherness

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How Best to do this in 2024/25?

How do we get the whole of Huntingdonshire involved:

- Residents;
- Businesses;
- Stakeholders; and
- All our communities in their diversity and brilliance?

What else might we want to enable to see this work well?

Who else might we need to influence to make this successful?

How do we:

- Influence, Enable, and Do!

Next Steps?

Some thoughts:

- Feedback from this panel
- Role of this panel in next steps?
- Wider member workshop?
- Feedback final proposal to this panel?
- Launch on Huntingdonshire Day 25th April?

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