## 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL (SERVICE SUPPORT)

# PROGRESS TO DATE (Report by the Head of Administration)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Panel have asked for the submission of a brief progress report to their monthly meetings to monitor action taken and the response to any recommendations which they have made.

#### 2. PROGRESS REPORT

2.1 The monthly progress report therefore is attached which covers all outstanding items. Actions previously reported upon as having been completed have been deleted from the report as the process rolls forward. The report is in tabular form and comprises a brief synopsis of the Panel's decisions and the subsequent action taken.

### 3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The Panel are requested to note the contents of the attached report.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Minutes and Reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance/ Service Support)

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Panel	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action</u>	Response	<u>Date</u>
Date				
	HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE PARKING IN THE DISTRICT			
10/06/08	Endorsed the Working Group's report and recommendations for submission of the Cabinet.	Recommendations endorsed by the Cabinet at their meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2008.		
			Matter included for discussion on agenda for LAA Reference Group.	
09/09/08	Head of Administration was asked to establish the current position with regard to the Panel's recommendations following their referral to the Freight Quality Partnership.	Freight Quality Partnership has now met.	Update to be circulated at January meeting. Three County Group established to pool information and develop a strategy for future provision post 2015.	Jan 09
13/01/09	Central Services Manager asked to establish the current situation with regard to the possible re-opening of the Alconbury site and the outcome of discussions at the first meeting of the three county group.	Transportation Manager indicated that there was not further information at this time. Have asked to be kept updated.		
	PETITION BY ST AUDREY LANE AREA RESIDENTS.			
	ST IVES			
08/07/08	Representatives from Anglian Water in attendance at Panel's July meeting. Requested that an update be provided in 6 months time and that residents be informed of the outcome of their investigations.	Email requesting update sent – 21/10/08	CCTV survey of St Audrey Lane and Pig Lane Surface Water sewer completed. Funding now available to Jet Sewer – will be carried out	
09/12/08	Councillor J W Davies reported that the situation had improved following jetting of sewer. Urged Panel to pursue capacity issues relating to the pumping station.	Further update to be sought from Anglian Water in Feb / March 2009.	shortly.	Feb / Mar 09

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	PETITION TO CONTROL COMMUTER PARKING IN THE LONGSANDS AREA OF STNEOTS			
14/10/08	Chairman to write to the Chairman of Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee outlining the Panel's concerns and requesting that the matter be progressed at the earliest opportunity.	Letter sent 21/10/08	Response received. Further information to be received in New Year once investigation report from Cambridgeshire County Council received.	Spring 2009
	A representative from First Capital Connect to be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss their expansion plans for the car parks at Huntingdon and St Neots.	Letter sent 21/10/08	Item deferred until a later date. Transportation Team Manager updated Panel at January meeting.	Spring 2009
12/02/08	CYCLING IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE  Endorsed the Working Group's report and recommendations for submission of the Cabinet and requested that the study recommendations be placed on the progress report for future monitoring.  [Recommendations are appended to this report].	Considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008. Cabinet noted the recommendations and requested a further report by officers addressing the wider issue of Section 106 funding and partnership working. Agreed that discussions should be held with Cambridgeshire County Council regarding their offer to update the Huntingdonshire Cycling Strategy and the issue of partnership working on cycling provision.	the current position the review of the Cycling Strategy and the provision for funding for Huntingdonshire in the LTP included on Agenda for the	June 08
10/06/08	Asked the Transportation Team Leader to email all Members of the Council asking about any specific issues with regard to cycle routes in their wards. Requested sight of the draft report on the prioritisation of cycle schemes before any consideration by the AJC.	come to light that the list of potential cycle routes have already been scored	AJC. District Council members will be contacted before the next review in Summer 2009 to ask about specific issues within their ward.	Spring 2009

		autumn.		
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09/09/08	MAXIMISING COUNCIL INCOME  Appointed Councillors P J Downes, L W McGuire and R J West to a Working Group for the purpose of undertaking the above review.	First meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2008 to discuss recent reviews by the Internal Audit Service on income generation and discretionary charging.	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 with External	Mar 09
14/05/08	CORPORATE PLAN – GROWING SUCCESS  Councillors M G Baker, J A Gray and R G Tuplin appointed to Corporate Plan Working Group.	Quarterly reports submitted to Overview & Scrutiny.	Next quarterly meeting to be arranged for 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2009.	Feb 09
15/01/08 14/05/08	LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS  Minutes of future meetings of the Cambridgeshire Together Local Accountability Committee should be circulated to all Panel Members.  Councillor J A Gray appointed to Joint Accountability Committee. Substitute members to be appointed in consultation with Head of Administration.	Next meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2009.		Feb 09
14/10/08	REVIEW OF LOCAL PROCUREMENT  Agreed to hold further meeting with business representatives in the New Year.	Meeting to be held on 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 4pm. Councillor M G Baker to chair.		Mar 09

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13/01/09	LICENSING ACT – IMPACT ON NIGHTTIME ECONOMY Subject to an amendment to one of the recommendations, the Panel endorsed the final report for consideration by the Cabinet at their meeting on 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2009.		Update to be provided at Panel meeting.	
	Agreed to re-visit the study towards the end of the year to review progress made towards achievement of the countywide action plan, the night watch project and the availability of statistics from Hinchingbrooke Hospital on alcohol related accidents and emergency treatment.			Nov 09
	MONITORING OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS			
14/04/05	Quarterly reports to be submitted to the Panel.	Next report due March 2009		Mar 09
12/02/08	Agreed to establish a Working Group comprising Councillors P J Downes, D Harty, M F Newman and R G Tuplin to investigate the current Section 106 Agreement Mechanism for the negotiation of agreements and the distribution of money received.	See Agenda item 5.		Feb 09
	CUSTOMER SERVICE DEVELOPMENT IN ST IVES			
13/01/09	AND ST NEOTS  Endorsed the comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) relating to the need to consult with Ward Councillors on any proposals to change the location of the centres and the investigation of outreach services in larger villages.	Comments conveyed to Councillor L M Simpson.		

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	FORWARD PLAN			
09/10/07	Huntingdon West Area Action Plan Requested that the report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.			Mar 09
13/11/07	Parish Plans and Local Plan Policy Circulate report when this becomes available.			Mar 09
08/07/08	Proposals for Huntingdon Riverside Park Requested that report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.			Mar 09
08/07/08	Developer Contributions SPD Requested that report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.			Mar 09
14/10/08	A14 Statutory Orders – Consultations Requested that the report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.			Mar 09
13/01/09	Local Investment Framework Requested that the report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.	Agenda Item 4 refers.		Feb 09
	Report of the Structure Review Working Group Requested that the report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.			Mar 09
	Masterplan for land east of Sapley Square Requested that the report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.			Mar 09
	Great Fen Masterplan Requested that the report should be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.			April 09

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00/07/00	GREAT FEN PROJECT	Occurrents controlled to October		
08/07/08	Director of Environmental & Community Services to make presentation to future meeting. All Scrutiny Members to be invited.	meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2008.		
11/11/08	Report on the content of the collaboration agreement to be submitted to a future Panel meeting before its consideration by Cabinet.			Mar 09

### RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM CYCLING IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

- (a) that the offer by the County Council to update the Council's existing cycling strategy and to prepare an action plan for its implementation be welcomed and officers requested to conclude this work within the next six months;
- (b) that, following completion of the strategy and action plan, specific contributions be sought in Section 106 Agreements for cycleway provision in Huntingdonshire in appropriate cases;
- (c) that contributions negotiated under (b) above be retained by the District Council for expenditure on implementation of the cycling strategy action plan;
- (d) that the District Council seek the allocation of specific funding through the Local Transport Plan for cycleway provision in Huntingdonshire;
- (e) that the approval of individual cycleway schemes continue to be the responsibility of the Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee with District Council expenditure continuing to be allocated on a scheme by scheme basis.