

**WORK PLAN: STUDIES
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Members of the Panel to review their programme of studies.

2. STUDIES

2.1 The Council has a duty to improve the social, environmental and economic well-being of the District. This gives the Overview and Scrutiny Panels a wide remit to examine any issues that affect the District by conducting in-depth studies.

2.2 Studies are allocated according to the current Executive responsibilities. These were advised in agreement with the Panel Chairmen with effect from September 2008.

Service Delivery:

Customer Services &
Information Technology
Leisure
Housing & Public Health
Operational & Countryside Services

Service Support:

Finance & Environment
Resources & Policy
Planning Strategy /Transportation
Special Advisor to the Cabinet

2.3 Ongoing studies have been allocated between the Panels accordingly –

STUDY	PANEL	STATUS
Process and Procedures involved with the adoption of roads and sewers.	Service Delivery	Meeting held on 29 th January with the Head of Planning Services and a representative from the County Council.
The Processes involved in Applying for Community Grant Aid and the Effectiveness of Grant Schemes.	Service Delivery	Final report considered by the Cabinet on 29 th January 2009.
Disability Access	Service Delivery	Final Report considered by the Cabinet on 29 th January.
Section 106	Service Support	Final report to be presented to February Panel meeting. See Agenda.
Social Consequences of Alcohol Abuse	Service Support	Final report considered by the Cabinet on 29 th January 2009. Update to be provided.
Maximising Council Income	Service Support	Further meeting to be held in March 2009.
Provision of Leisure Facilities for Young People.	Service Delivery	Subject raised as an area for potential study. Scoping report requested with the Heads of Operations and Environmental &

		Community Health Services – anticipated March 2009
Homelessness and the Housing Market	Service Delivery	Raised at Panel's January meeting – report considered by Cabinet on 29 th January 2009.

2.4 The Service Support Panel have also identified the following as possible future studies:-

Review of the incentives of the Council's Travel Plan.	Service Support
The Council's Future Borrowing Arrangements.	Service Support

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Panel is requested to note the progress of the studies selected.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Minutes and Reports from previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels.