

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS  
(SOCIAL WELL-BEING)  
(ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING)  
(ECONOMIC WELL-BEING)**

**7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009  
14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009  
16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009**

**WORK PLAN STUDIES  
(Report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Members of the Panel to review their programme of studies and to be informed of studies being undertaken by the other Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

**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 Council's service areas which have been identified as follows:-

**Social Well-Being**

Housing  
Community  
Leisure Centres  
Operations (part)  
Democratic and Central Services (part)  
People, Performance and Partnerships (part)

**Environmental Well-Being**

Environmental and Technical Services  
Planning Services  
Environmental Health  
Operations (part)

**Economic Well-Being**

Information Management  
Finance  
Customer Service and Call Centres  
Revenues  
Democratic and Central Services (part)  
Law, Property and Governance  
People, Performance and Partnerships (part)  
HQ/Accommodation

2.3 On going studies have been allocated between the Panels accordingly:-

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>PANEL</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Process and procedures involved with the adoption of roads and sewers.	Environmental Well-Being	Final report due to appear before the Panel at its July meeting.
The processes involved in applying for community grant aid and the effectiveness of grant schemes.	Economic Well-Being	Final report considered by the Cabinet on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2009. Recommendations endorsed.
Provision of leisure facilities across the District.	Social Well-Being	First meeting of the Working Group held with the Head of Operations. An update on progress which has been made since the initial discussions has been requested by the Panel.
Review of the Council's budget in future years.	Economic Well-Being	Final report of the Working Group considered by Panel at their June 2009 meeting and endorsed for submission to the Cabinet, subject to minor textural amendments. Due to appear before the Cabinet on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2009.
Car parking at Hinchingbrooke Hospital.	Social Well-Being	This subject was raised as a potential study area. Members have received a number of complaints from constituents on the matter and have subsequently requested for a scoping report to be submitted to a future Panel meeting. Report due to appear before Panel's July 2009 meeting.

2.4 The following have also been identified by Members as possible future studies:-

Review of the incentives contained in the Council's Travel Plan.	Environmental Well-Being
The Council's future borrowing arrangements.	Economic Well-Being

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

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