

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

**2ND MARCH 2010
9TH MARCH 2010
11TH MARCH 2010**

**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:-

| STUDY | PANEL | STATUS |
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| The processes involved in applying for community grant aid and the effectiveness of grant schemes. | Economic Well-Being | Annual report on those organisations supported by grants to be submitted to a future Panel meeting. |
| Provision of play facilities for young people across the District. | Social Well-Being | Final report to be submitted to the Cabinet on 18 th March. |
| Car parking at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. | Social Well-Being | Final report outlining findings of the study submitted to Hospital. Also appears on the Panel's March Agenda. |
| Tourism. | Economic Well-Being | Panel will consider looking at the wider implications of tourism. |
| The process for the determination of planning applications. | Environmental Well-Being | Final report of the Working Group anticipated for submission to the Panel's March meeting. |

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

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| Review of the incentives contained in the Council's Travel Plan. | Environmental Well-Being |
| The Council's future borrowing arrangements. | Economic Well-Being |
| Planning enforcement. | Environmental Well-Being |
| Waste disposal arrangements. | Environmental Well-Being |
| Management of capital projects by Environmental Management Section. | Economic Well-Being |
| The effect and cost implications of the loss of the Huntingdon Enterprise Agency. | Economic Well-Being |
| The employees performance development review process. | Economic Well-Being |

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| The Creative Exchange, St Neots. | Economic Well-Being |
| Annual report on organisations supported through service level agreements. | Economic Well-Being |
| Financial reports on the District Council's Leisure Centres. | Economic Well-Being |
| Lessons learned from the Headquarters and other accommodation project. | Economic Well-Being |
| Industrial Units at Caxton Road, St Ives. | Economic Well-Being |
| Night time economy study (Hospital's perspective). | 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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