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# **Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being)**

**Report of the meeting held on 1st June 2010**

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## **Matters for Information**

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### **1. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

In conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Panels for Environmental Well-Being and for Economic Well-Being, the Panel for Social Well-Being has reviewed the Council's performance against its priority objectives, which are contained in "Growing Success" - the Corporate Plan. The Panel has endorsed the views of the Corporate Plan Working Group, particularly with regard to the objectives where targets have not been achieved.

Clarification has been received on a number of matters raised by the Corporate Plan Working Group including the methodology used to calculate admissions to the Burgess Hall, the achievement of targets in respect of the objective "to promote healthy lifestyle choices" and the types of temporary accommodation used to prevent people from becoming homeless. Members' comments on these matters have been passed to the Cabinet.

### **2. MONITORING OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS (PLANNING OBLIGATIONS)**

The Panel has been updated on the receipt and expenditure by the Council of money negotiated under Section 106 Agreements. The Panel's role is to scrutinise the progress of allocated and maintenance schemes. Members previously have decided to pay particular attention to four schemes that were completed earlier where works were not scheduled to start. Progress has been made in respect of two of the schemes since the last quarter.

The Panel has asked whether details of the developer involved in each Agreement can be included in future monitoring reports. Additionally, Members have requested further information on particular schemes that are currently pending allocation.

### **3. PROVISION OF PLAY FACILITIES IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE**

Members have been acquainted with the outcome of the Cabinet's deliberations on the Panel's study into the availability of play facilities in Huntingdonshire. Having noted that their recommendations in respect of researching the availability of group insurance schemes

and the feasibility of combining safety inspections have been endorsed by the Cabinet, a progress report on these matters has been requested for a future meeting.

**4. CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Panel has received an update on matters currently being considered by the Cambridgeshire Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee. Members have noted that the Committee is currently seeking views on the quality of services at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, with a view to undertaking a study on this subject.

**5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10**

The Panel has reviewed the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2009/10. Members have been reminded that there is a constitutional requirement to produce a Report each year. It has been suggested that the Report should include reference to the Chairman's role in providing public scrutiny of the process to change the governance arrangements of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and details of how members of the public can obtain information on the Council's Overview and Scrutiny work.

**6. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – REMIT AND WORK PROGRAMME**

The Panel has reviewed its programme of studies and considered its work programme for the forthcoming year. In so doing, Members have been reminded of their responsibility to scrutinise the Children and Young People, Health and Well-Being and Inclusive, Safe and Cohesive Communities thematic groups of the Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership. Whilst the Panel has already begun to scrutinise the thematic groups, further work in this respect will be undertaken in the course of the year.

The Panel has reviewed its existing programme of studies and has received updates on the future governance of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, the Place Survey and car parking at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. Members also have been reminded of the opportunity to suggest potential future study areas for investigation by any one of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

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**Other Matters of Interest**

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**7. WORK PLAN STUDIES**

The Panel has reviewed its work plan and received details of studies being undertaken by the other Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

**8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 – FORWARD PLAN**

The Panel has been acquainted with details of the current Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Items entitled Home Improvement Agency Review – Future Delivery Model Consultation, Homelessness Strategy and St Ivo Leisure Centre Proposals for Development will be considered by the Panel prior to their consideration by the Cabinet.

**9. SCRUTINY**

The Panel has considered the latest edition of the Decision Digest and discussed matters contained therein.

S J Criswell  
Chairman