

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

**6TH JULY 2010
13TH JULY 2010
15TH JULY 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
Provision of play facilities for young people across the District.	Social Well-Being	Final report submitted to the Cabinet in April where recommendations relating to group insurance and combined inspections were endorsed. A report on progress on these matters has been requested.
Car parking at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.	Social Well-Being	Final report produced and sent to Hospital. A representative of the Hospital to be invited to a future Panel meeting to report on decisions made by the Hospital's Senior Executive Group.
Visitor Development & Town Centre Vibrancy.	Economic Well-Being	Report requested on costs and value to the Council and the District.
Night Time Economy (Hospital's Perspective)	Economic Well-Being	Further investigation to be undertaken into this matter.
Planning Conservation.	Environmental Well-Being	A study scoping report has been requested. This will be presented at the July Panel meeting.
Customer Services	Economic Well-Being	Presentation to be given to Panel's July meeting.
Other Liberal Democrat Savings Proposals	Economic Well-Being	Various actions requested.

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

The employee's performance development review process.	Economic Well-Being
Lessons learned from the Headquarters and other accommodation project.	Economic Well-Being

Land use for agricultural purposes in the context of planning policies and its contribution to the local economy.	Environmental Well-Being
Rural Transport.	Environmental Well-Being
Leisure Centre Hospitality Performance and future plans	Economic Well-Being
Leisure Centres financial performance and Employment Structure	Economic Well-Being
Waste Collection Round Scheduling	Economic Well-Being
Promotion of use of re-usable nappies	Economic Well-Being
Use of S106 money for transport schemes in St Neots.	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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