

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

**5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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 Details of ongoing studies are set out in the attached Appendix.

2.4 Members are reminded that if they have a specific interest in any study area which is not being considered by their Panel there are opportunities for involvement in all the studies being undertaken.

### **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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**ONGOING STUDIES**

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>PANEL</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
Car Parking at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital	To investigate the causes of public complaints regarding the provision of parking facilities at the Hospital.	Social Well-Being	Six month review of new pricing structure to be conducted with the Hospital in January / February.	Whole Panel Study
Visitor Development & Town Centre Vibrancy	To consider issues relating to Visitor Development & Town Centre Vibrancy.	Economic Well-Being	Further information requested on the cost of the tourism service and the benefits it brings to both the Council and to the District.	Whole Panel Study
Consultation Processes	To review the Council's current consultation processes.	Social Well-Being	Presentation delivered by Head of People, Performance & Partnerships in September. Further discussions to be held at Panel's October meeting.	Whole Panel Study
Health Implications of the Night Time Economy	To follow up the previous study undertaken by the former Overview and Scrutiny (Service Support)	Economic Well-Being	Further information requested with regards to the rate of alcohol-specific hospital admissions for under 18s and the availability of any available qualitative data on alcohol consumption in rural areas. Scrutiny & Review Manager to liaise with County Council.	Whole Panel Study
Gypsy & Traveller Welfare	To be determined.	Social Well-Being	Report requested for future meeting.	To be determined.

Planning Conservation	To consider & evaluate the role of the Council's Planning Conservation Team in the preservation of Huntingdonshire's built heritage with particular reference to conservation areas and listed buildings.	Environmental Well-Being	Working Group meetings held on 29 <sup>th</sup> July, 5 <sup>th</sup> August and 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2010. The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled to be held on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2010.	Working Group.
Lessons learned from the Headquarters and other accommodation project.	To review the implementation of the project.	Economic Well-Being	Report to be presented Future Meeting.	To be determined.
Leisure Centre Hospitality Performance & Future Plans.	To review the service provided following the receipt of recent performance management information.	Economic Well-Being	Report to be presented to Future Meeting.	To be determined.
Leisure Centre Financial Performance and Employment Structure	To review the overall financial performance and monitoring arrangements  To consider the current Employment Structure.	Economic Well-Being	Report to be presented to Future Meeting.	To be determined.
Tree Strategy	To form a strategy in conjunction with the Tree Officers for the retention and planting of trees.	Environmental Well-Being	Working Group meeting scheduled to be held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2010.	Working Group.

**POSSIBLE FUTURE STUDIES**

The Employees Performance Development Review Process	To review the current process.	Economic Well-Being	Outcome of Officer Review to be reported to the Panel when this is concluded.	To be determined.
Land Use for Agricultural Purpose in the context of planning policies and its contribution to the local economy.	To review the lack of promotion and protection of land for this purpose.	Environmental Well-Being	Not being pursued as a study at the current time.	To be determined.
Rural Transport	To review the lack of transportation in rural areas.	Environmental Well-Being	Not being pursued as a study at the current time.	To be determined.
Road Adoption	To review the road adoption process.	Environmental Well-Being	The final report of the Adoption of Roads and Sewers Working Group (from September 2009) has been circulated to the Overview and Scrutiny (Environmental Well-Being) Panel for further consideration.	To be determined.