

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2011  
3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2011  
8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**WORK PLAN STUDIES  
(Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic 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 Overview and Scrutiny remits. Details of ongoing studies being undertaken by the two other Panels are set out in the attached Appendix.
- 2.3 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>        |
|---|---|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| Gypsy & Traveller Welfare                     | To examine existing gypsy and traveller sites in the District with a view to informing any future Planning Policy on sites.   | Social Well-Being | Report requested for submission to a future meeting. Following consultation with the Chairman, agreed that the study would proceed once Government guidance has been issued on future provision requirements. | To be determined.  |
| Health Implications of the Night Time Economy | To follow up the previous study undertaken by the former Overview and Scrutiny (Service Support).   | Social Well-Being | Report to be considered at Panel's November 2011 meeting.   | Whole Panel Study  |
| Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan          | To review the implications of the Plan upon local housing, to include the potential shortfalls in the delivery of affordable housing within the District, identify what housing is due to come forward and to include reference to the underlying links between housing and planning. | Social Well-Being | Report due to be presented to Panel in January 2012.  | Whole Panel Study. |

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| CCTV Provision within the District   | To review the impact of the Council's proposal to cease the CCTV service with effect from April 2012.  | Social Well-Being        | Report to be considered at Panel's November 2011 meeting.   | Whole Panel Study. |
| Voluntary Sector   | To seek alternative ways of supporting the Voluntary Sector from 2013/14 onwards and to assess the social value of the services that they provide within the District. | Social Well-Being        | The Working Group's final report to be considered at Panel's November 2011 meeting.   | Working Group      |
| Tree Strategy  | To form a strategy in conjunction with the Tree Officers for the retention and planting of trees.  | Environmental Well-Being | Working Group met on 27 July 2011. Draft Tree Strategy circulated to officers for comment. Councillor Davies reported to September meeting and Strategy will be presented to the Panel in due course. | Working Group.     |
| 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 | Scoping report to be submitted to a future meeting.   | To be determined.  |
| Rural Transport  | To review the provision of transportation in rural areas.  | Environmental Well-Being | Transport for Cambridgeshire report received in July 2011. Comments conveyed to Cabinet. Final report expected shortly.   | To be determined.  |

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| Review of Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire | To undertake a review of the Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire.  | Social Well-Being        | Views of the County and District Members, Town and Parish Councils and Partners will be reported to the Panel in November.                               | Working Group     |
| Homelessness                                      | To consider the emerging issue of homelessness arising as a result of changes to the Housing Benefit system. | Social Well-Being        | Background report to be submitted to a future Panel meeting.   | To be determined. |
| Maintenance of Water Courses                      | To receive a presentation on the maintenance arrangements in place for Water Courses within the District.    | Environmental Well-Being | Presentation given to October meeting. SUDs report due in January 2012.  | To be determined. |
| Waste Collection and Recycling Policies           | To investigate the Council's waste collection and recycling policies.  | Environmental Well-Being | Working Group met in October. Policies being prepared by Eric Kendall to be presented to the Working Group for comment prior to submission to the Panel. | To be determined. |