

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY
DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being))**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 8th November 2011, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered the report by the Head of Planning Services on the Huntingdonshire Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule. The following paragraphs contain a summary of the Panel's discussions on the report.

2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 In the course of their deliberations, Members have noted that following viability testing, the charging schedule has been amended. The Panel has also been advised that a new S106 policy will be required. The terms of CIL are non-negotiable, so any enforceable conditions will be applied through S106 agreements. It is possible that developers might challenge S106 agreements.
- 2.3 The Panel is reassured that the Charging Schedule will be subject to an examination in public to ascertain whether it is sound. Having queried the application of charges to health, Members have noted that the test is solely whether the charges are viable and testing has established that an even higher charges could be viable. They have also challenged why charities will not be charged as some are large land owners. In response, it has been reported that this is only where the development is for charitable purposes.
- 2.4 On the basis that the testing has been carried using a nationally agreed methodology, the Panel has supported the publication for consultation of the Draft Charging Schedule including the revised rates.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Cabinet is requested to take into consideration the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) as set out above when considering this item.

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Background Documents - Reports and Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) held on 8th November 2011.