

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

**3RD JULY 2012
10TH JULY 2012
12TH JULY 2012**

**WORK PLAN STUDIES
(Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members 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

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS	TYPE
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.
Leisure Centre Financial Performance and Employment Structure	To consider the future business model for "One Leisure" and the development of a methodology for the quantification of Social Value.	Economic Well-Being and Social Well-Being	<p>Working Group met on 28th February 2012. Agreed to split into two sub groups to investigate each area.</p> <p>Sub-Group looking at the 'Social Methodology' will meet once desktop research has been undertaken by Officers.</p> <p>The Sub-Group looking at the business model have met with the Managing Director, Resources. The Group has recommended that the Council should not draft a Business Plan for One Leisure until the Services' Strategic objectives have been identified.</p>	Joint Working Group

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	A report on changes to the CCTV service in 2012/13 will be submitted to the Panel in November 2012.	Whole Panel Study.
A14 improvements.	To review the implications to the local economy of the decision not to proceed with the A14 improvements.	Economic Well-Being	Panel has requested a presentation on developments relating to the A14 for all Members of the Council at an appropriate time. Updates on recent developments to continue to be provided by email.	Whole Panel Study.
Consultation Processes	To assist the Corporate Team with its review of the Council's Consultation and Engagement Strategy.	Social Well-Being	Members appointed to the Working Group in June 2012. Meeting to be arranged.	Working Group.
The Council's Relationship with the Voluntary Sector	To examine the proposed future relationship between the Council and the Voluntary Sector.	Social Well-Being.	Requested for investigation by the Economic Well-Being Panel. A report on Voluntary Sector Funding for 2013/14 onwards will be submitted to the Panel in July. Panel to determine how to proceed with their investigations at this meeting.	To be determined.
Review of Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire	To undertake a review of the Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire.	Social Well-Being	Draft proposals were subject to a six week consultation with Town and Parish Councils, District and County Members, Partners	Working Group

			and the public. Consultation responses to be submitted to Panel in July 2012.	
District Council Support Services	To review the services provided by the District Councils Document Centre to form a view on its efficiency and cost effectiveness.	Economic Well-Being	Working Group has formed two sub groups to consider:- a) the financial cost of the service; and b) the operation of the service Last meeting held on 25 th April 2012. Final Report is currently being prepared.	Working Group
Equality Framework for Local Government	To review the action plan arising from the Equality Framework for Local Government peer assessment.	Social Well-Being	Working Group appointed in June. Meeting to be arranged.	Working Group
Business Rates	To consider the implications to the Authority from changes to Business Rates.	Economic Well-Being	Report to be presented to July meeting on the 'pooling proposals'.	To be determined.
Economic Development	To be determined.	Economic Well-Being	The Economy Strategy is scheduled for completion at the end of the year. Work is currently taking place to develop a robust evidence base for the new Strategy. As part of this process all members will be given the opportunity to participate in	To be determined.

			the consultation on the initial report and the Economic Development Manager will attend the September meeting.	
Fraud Prevention	To consider the implications from forthcoming changes to the Housing Benefits system.	Economic Well-Being	Report to be submitted to a future meeting. It will address resources, the effect that the Housing Benefit single fraud investigation service will have on the current fraud team and the Council's future approach.	To be determined.
Supporting People Back to Work	To be determined.	Economic Well-Being	Economic Development Manager to prepare a briefing paper for the Panel's September meeting.	To be determined.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	To consider the implications of planning social housing requirements on Community Infrastructure Levy income and the housing waiting list.	Economic Well-Being	Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships & Projects) to indicate an appropriate time to undertake this review.	To be determined.