

Panel Date	Decision	Action	Response	Date
16/05/12	<p><u>Leadership Direction</u></p> <p>Councillors D Harty and Mrs D C Reynolds have been appointed to the Corporate Plan Working Group.</p>	<p>Leadership Direction document considered at the Panel's July meeting.</p> <p>A draft document was considered by the Executive Leaders Strategy Group on 10th September 2012.</p>	<p>The Corporate Plan Working Group has been meeting throughout the summer to help the Corporate Office to produce the Council Service Plan which will outline the key activities that contribute to the aims in the Leadership Direction.</p> <p>A brief update to be delivered on the outcome of the Executive Leaders Strategy Group meeting.</p>	October 2012
13/07/10	<p><u>Great Fen Project</u></p> <p>The Panel attended a tour of the Great Fen.</p>		<p>The Director of Environmental and Community Services advised that updates on the progress of the project would be presented to the Panel at 6 monthly intervals.</p>	
9/10/12	<p>The Panel were invited to attend a tour of the Great Fen on 1st October 2012.</p>			
14/09/10	<p><u>Tree Strategy Working Group</u></p> <p>To form a strategy in conjunction with the Tree Officers for the retention and planting of trees.</p>	<p>A series of Working Group meetings have been held. A draft policy is being drawn up by the Arboricultural Officer for submission to the group for comment.</p>		
11/9/12	<p>Councillor J W Davies updated the Panel on progress made towards completion of the Tree Strategy.</p>	<p>Due to the voluntary redundancy of administrative staff within the division there has been a delay in the production of the Tree Strategy.</p>	<p>The Strategy should be completed by the end of 2012, at which time consultation will take place.</p>	December 2012

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13/9/11	<p><u>Waste Collection Working Group</u></p> <p>A Working Group appointed to look into waste collection policies. The Working Group comprises of Councillors Baker, Godfrey, Harlock and Hyams, and Mr M Phillips.</p>	<p>First meeting held on 6/10/11 with Mr E Kendall – Head of Operations.</p>	<p>The Group established their terms of reference and a way forward for their study.</p>	
10/1/12	<p>Following consideration of the Advanced Waste Partnership report it was agreed that the work of the partnership could overtake the findings of the working group, therefore the Working Group study should be put on hold.</p>	<p>The study of the Waste Collection Working Group has been postponed and will be reviewed in due course.</p>		
19/06/12	<p>Following a change in the Council's approach to dealing with 'contaminated' bins, Councillor M G Baker has stressed the need to educate residents as to what can be placed in recycling bins.</p>	<p>A meeting between the Working Group and the Head of Operations was held on Thursday, 28th June 2012.</p>	<p>Members requested that a further meeting be held on 2nd August with a representative from South Cambridgeshire District Council present.</p>	
11/9/12	<p>The Working Group has decided to focus on how best to engage with residents to educate them as to what should be placed in which bin.</p>	<p>A meeting was held to discuss ideas.</p>	<p>The Working Group met with Eric Kendall, Chris Jablonski and Heidi Field to discuss publicity material. Members have provided feedback on the material devised by the Environmental Team. If necessary the Waste Collection Working Group will resume its study once the work of RECAP is complete.</p>	
11/9/12	<p>Having considered the Waste Collection Policies at their previous meeting, Members expressed a view that bin stickers could be used to convey messages with community benefits, such as speed restrictions.</p>	<p>In considering the Decision Digest, Members were disappointed to note that the Cabinet had stressed that they were not in favour of notices being attached to bins. In light of the pilot initiative being undertaken in Hilton, Scrutiny Members requested an update on the pilot's findings.</p>	<p>The Executive Councillor for the Environment has agreed to provide the Panel with an update at its October meeting.</p>	<p>October 2012</p>

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8/11/11	<p><u>Design Principles for Future Developments Working Group</u></p> <p>A Working Group appointed to examine the matters raised during the Panel's discussions on Loves Farms, St Neots. The Working Group comprising of Councillors Banerjee, Curtis, Godfrey and Harlock will make recommendations to inform future developments.</p>			
6/1/12	<p>First meeting of the Working Group held. Councillor Mrs M Banerjee appointed rapporteur. It was agreed that the Working Group needed an overview of the site from a planning officer and this should be followed by a site visit.</p>	<p>Working Group met with the Head of Planning Services on 26th January to receive an overview of the Loves Farm site.</p> <p>Site visit held on 2nd March followed by a debrief on 21st March and a meeting on 1st June.</p>	<p>The working group has considered a report by the Urban Design, Trees and Landscape Team Leader analysing the results of the 'building for life' assessments which were completed on the site visit. The working group will begin to draft their final report.</p>	July 2012
11/9/12	<p>The Panel considered the report of the Working Group which outlined its findings to date.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged with the Urban Design, Trees and Landscape Team Leader to discuss aspects of the design guide in more detail.</p>		

5/12/11	<p><u>Drainage Issues</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to a petition in respect of sewage overflow at Windsor Road and Main Street, Yaxley. Members were advised that the Executive Leader had written to Anglian Water expressing his concern over flooding issues in Yaxley and a response had been received. Although Anglian Water's response addressed the specific flooding incident, Members were not satisfied with Anglian Water's programme to prevent problems from occurring and their response to sewerage system failures.</p>	<p>Given the lack of powers that the Council has to influence Anglian Water, Members requested that the Leader of the Council writes to the Environment Agency to highlight their concerns and to ask it to ensure it used its enforcement powers where merited.</p>	<p>The Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships and Projects) will follow this concern up with the Environment Agency. The Executive Leader has responded to Anglian Water to state that he is not satisfied with their programme to prevent problems from occurring and their response to sewerage system</p>	
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9/2/12	The Panel received a presentation from the County Council's Flood and Water Manager on Flood Risk Management. During the presentation the issue of flooding in Yaxley was raised by Members. Officers undertook to investigate this matter further.	The Project and Assets Manager has met with Anglian Water to discuss issues and will continue to pursue this matter.	failures.	
13/3/12	Ward Members attended an onsite meeting with the Project and Assets Manager who subsequently alerted Anglian Water to a problem with the surface and foul water sewerage system.	Having reiterated concerns over the long running nature of the problem, Members suggested that a letter be sent to the Environment Agency to highlight the ongoing issues.	The Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships and Projects) to be asked to pursue this issue further.	
10/4/12	The Managing Director (Communities, Partnerships and Projects) has suggested that a Working Group be convened to examine Yaxley drainage issues in detail.	It was agreed that appointment to the Working Group would be delayed until after the Annual Council Meeting.		June 2012
19/06/12	Having considered the St Neots Surface Water Management Plan, Members acknowledged that drainage problems within the district are widespread.	A Working Group comprising Councillors Mrs M Banerjee and J W Davies has been convened to engage with Anglian Water in order to establish their general powers, responsibilities and limitations on its ability to prevent flooding.	A meeting was held on Thursday, 28 th June so that Members could set out their terms of reference and establish the way forward for the study.	
11/9/12	Two meetings have been held with representatives from Anglian Water and the Environment Agency.	A report of the meetings is being produced and the District Council will continue to work with Anglian Water in an effort to resolve the drainage problems which exist in the District.		October 2012
9/10/12	The report of the Working Group appears elsewhere on the Agenda.			

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10/1/12	<p><u>Land Use for Agricultural Purposes in the Context of Planning Policies and its Contribution to the Local Economy.</u></p> <p>The Panel considered the Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy and raised concerns over the lack of reference to local agriculture in planning policies.</p>	<p>A Working Group comprising of Councillors Mrs M Banerjee, P M D Godfrey, G J Harlock, D Harty and Mr D Hopkins has been appointed to review the lack of promotion and protection of land for agricultural purposes and to ensure that local agriculture is included in the new local plan.</p>	<p>A meeting will be held with the Planning Service (Policy) Manager on 9th February to discuss issues and establish a way forward for the Working Group.</p>	<p>February 2012</p>
19/6/12	<p>The Working Group has met on numerous occasions and have visited Mr Felce's farm.</p>	<p>The Working Group wish to meet with Paul Hammett, NFU, Environmental Adviser.</p>	<p>The Working Group met with Paul Hammett to discuss the importance of farming in Huntingdonshire.</p> <p>The Working Group has begun summarising its findings to date in order to influence the new Local Plan.</p>	
11/9/12	<p>The Panel has considered the findings to date of the Working Group.</p>	<p>The Planning Service Manager (Policy) has advised Members that the new Local Plan would address some of the issues raised by the Working Group.</p>	<p>In light of concerns raised by the Head of Planning regarding the Working Group's recommendations, it was agreed that the Working Group would meet with Planning Officers to discuss the issues raised and to determine a way forward for the study.</p>	<p>October 2012</p>