

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

**6TH NOVEMBER 2012
8TH NOVEMBER 2012
13TH NOVEMBER 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
<p>Leisure Centre Financial Performance and Employment Structure</p>	<p>To consider the future business model for “One Leisure” and the development of a methodology for the quantification of Social Value.</p>	<p>Economic Well-Being and Social Well-Being</p>	<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’ met in August 2012. Research being undertaken by Officers. Pending its completion, a meeting of the Working Group will be arranged.</p> <p>The whole Working Group will receive the Business Plan prior to its submission to the Panel and the Cabinet in December.</p> <p>Having noted that the review of the Business Model has come to a standstill, the Economic Well-Being Panel has asked their Chairman to speak to the Executive Leader about this, about prioritising the Council’s services and more generally about the role of scrutiny.</p>	<p>Joint Working Group</p>

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 February 2013.	Whole Panel Study.
Consultation Processes	To assist the Corporate Team with its review of the Council's Consultation and Engagement Strategy.	Social Well-Being	Strategy and Guidance being updated by the Corporate Office to incorporate comments suggested by the Working Group. First draft expected to be made available to the Working Group end of November/early December.	Working Group.
Tree Strategy	To form a strategy in conjunction with the Tree Officers for the retention and planting of trees.	Environmental Well-Being	The draft tree strategy is being prepared - it should be ready for consultation by the end of 2012.	Working Group.
Land Use for Agricultural Purposes 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	Working Group has met with Planning Officers to discuss the content of the final report. Report to be considered by Panel at its November meeting.	Working Group.
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 in due course.	To be determined.

<p>Review of Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire</p>	<p>To undertake a review of the Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire.</p>	<p>Social Well-Being</p>	<p>Cabinet agreed to hold a pilot in the Norman Cross County Division. Panel requested to undertake a review of the pilot during its 12 months of operation. Pilot meeting arranged for 7th November 2012 – however, this meeting will not be open to the public.</p>	<p>Working Group</p>
<p>Maintenance of Water Courses</p>	<p>To receive a presentation on the maintenance arrangements in place for Water Courses within the District.</p>	<p>Environmental Well-Being</p>	<p>Following consideration of the St Neots Surface Water Management Plan and discussions on widespread drainage problems within the District, a working group was convened to engage with Anglian Water in order to establish their general powers, responsibilities and the limitations on its ability to prevent flooding.</p> <p>Meetings have been held with representatives from Anglian Water and the Environment Agency. The Working Group has produced a report on its findings but is awaiting the outcome of negotiations between Anglian Water and the County Council on drainage in Yaxley.</p>	<p>Working Group</p>

Design Principles for Future Developments	To examine issues that have arisen at Loves Farm, St Neots and to make recommendations to inform future developments.	Environmental Well-Being	The Working Group has produced a report detailing its findings to date. The Working Group will now focus on detailed aspects of the design guide with the Council's Urban Design, Trees and Landscape Team Leader.	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 met on 29th August 2012 to review the Action Plan. Councillor Mrs P A Jordan to attend the Equality Framework Steering Group. Action Plan revised since the Working Group last met. Further meeting of the Working Group to be arranged in the future.	Working Group
Corporate Plan	To assist the Corporate Office with the development of a new Corporate Plan.	All O&S Panels	Meeting of the Working Group arranged for 12th November 2012 to further refine the Council Delivery Plan and consider future monitoring arrangements.	Working Group
Huntingdonshire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)	To consider the social implications of the announcement made by the Huntingdonshire CAB to go into voluntary liquidisation.	Social Well-Being	Executive Leader provided an update to the Panel in October. Further update on recent developments will be provided in November. Mr M Mealing, Chairman of the	Whole Panel Study.

			CAB will also be present at the meeting.	
Waste Collection	To identify options for improving the Council's waste collection and recycling arrangements and for enhancing public satisfaction with the service.	Environmental Well-Being	<p>The Working Group has decided to focus on how best to engage with residents as to what should be placed in which bin. The Group may go on to study waste collection procedures in more detail, this is dependent on the work of RECAP.</p> <p>Panel expressed its support for the use of wheelie bin stickers to convey messages with community benefits, such as speed restrictions. This matter will further be discussed at the Panel's November meeting.</p>	Working Group