

Progress Report

<p>13/05/09</p> <p>10/01/13</p>	<p><u>Customer Services</u></p> <p>Quarterly performance reports to be circulated informally to the Panel twice per year and formally twice per year.</p> <p>Agreed to establish a working group to assist with the development of a new Customer Services Strategy and interrelated Strategy for Channel Migration.</p>	<p>Latest report considered in January 2013. Next report due in July 2013.</p>	<p>Meetings of the Working Group have been held on 13th February, 26th March and 21st May 2013. Representatives of the Working Group have also visited the Customer Services Centre at Newport. Officers will now undertake further work and the Group will reconvene once a draft proposal has been developed prior to its consideration by Overview & Scrutiny and the Cabinet.</p>	<p>04/07/13</p>
<p>16/05/13</p>	<p><u>Corporate Plan</u></p> <p>Councillors Rogers and Harrison have been appointed to the Corporate Plan Working Group.</p>		<p>The new Council Delivery Plan was endorsed by the Executive Leaders Strategy Group on 26th March 2013. A programme of bi-monthly meetings of the Corporate Plan Working Group will be arranged over the course of the year with a view to holding Executive Members to account. A meeting of the Working Group will be held on 13th June 2013 at 6pm.</p>	
<p>06/10/11</p>	<p><u>Cambridgeshire Public Sector Asset Management Strategy</u></p> <p>Requested a report outlining the progress made on the Huntingdonshire projects in six months time.</p>	<p>Progress report submitted to June 2012 meeting.</p>	<p>Managing Director (CPP) to report back at a future meeting on the development of the business case methodology. A report on the Strategic Way Forward will be submitted to the Panel's September meeting.</p>	<p>05/09/13</p>

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<p>07/07/11</p>	<p><u>District Council Support Services</u></p> <p>Agreed to establish a Working Group to review the Document Centre and its costs to form a view on its efficiency and cost effectiveness.</p>		<p>The report of the Working Group was considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 21st March. The Cabinet has asked the Managing Director, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Resources and the Panel's Document Centre Champion, to consider the Group's recommendations. The Panel has requested a report on progress in six months.</p>	
<p>02/11/11</p>	<p><u>Scrutiny of Partnerships</u></p> <p>Following a review of the Strategic Partnership, the Overview & Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice Chairman agreed that responsibilities should be divided as follows:-</p> <p>Social Well Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Community Safety ❖ Children & Young People ❖ Health & Well-Being <p>Environmental Well Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Growth & Infrastructure <p>Economic Well Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Local Enterprise Partnership 		<p>The Panel has already received two presentations on the Local Enterprise Partnership. A presentation on the Local Enterprise Zone was given to the Panel's meeting in November 2011.</p> <p>Little appears to be being done to develop a area approach to scrutinise the Local Enterprise Partnership. This will be revisited in the new Municipal Year but the Panel could undertake its own work in this respect.</p>	

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<p>14/06/12</p>	<p><u>Economic Development</u></p> <p>Agreed that the update of the Council's Economic Strategy should be submitted to a future meeting</p>		<p>The findings from the local economic assessment were presented to the Panel's November meeting. A presentation on the Huntingdonshire Economic Growth Plan 2013-2023 will be given to the Panel's July meeting.</p>	<p>04/07/12</p>
<p>05/01/12</p>	<p><u>Housing Benefit Changes</u></p> <p>Agreed to receive a further report drawing together the wider housing policy implications for the Council arising from the Government's Welfare Reform Bill be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.</p>		<p>Report considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) at their meeting on 8th January 2013. Further reports to be submitted on a quarterly basis and Members of the Panel will be invited to attend.</p>	<p>02/07/13</p>
<p>12/07/12</p>	<p>Requested that a report on rental rates and rent costs be submitted to the Panel on a quarterly basis.</p>	<p>Second report submitted to January meeting.</p>	<p>Agreed that future reports should be presented every six months. Next report due in July.</p>	<p>04/07/13</p>
<p>12/07/12</p>	<p><u>Use of Consultants</u></p> <p>Received a report outlining the progress which had been made on agreeing, modifying and implementing the Panel's previous recommendations.</p>	<p>Agreed that further reports detailing expenditure on consultants, hired and temporary staff should be submitted to the Panel on an annual basis. This report should include a breakdown of revenue and capital.</p>	<p>Next report due July 2013.</p>	<p>04/07/13</p>

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<p>06/09/12</p>	<p><u>Borrowing</u></p> <p>In considering the Financial Forecast, agreed to establish a Working Group to develop an understanding of the District Council's approach to borrowing and to identify the terms of a Panel debate.</p>	<p>Working Group to comprise Councillors L Duffy, P G Mitchell, M F Shellens and A H Williams.</p>	<p>The Panel's report was considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 18 April 2013. The Cabinet has endorsed the view that there should be a limit for borrowing costs of 15% of net revenue spending, which can only be exceeded with the approval of full Council.</p> <p>With regard to the Panel's recommendation that a narrower definition of capital expenditure should be used for funding from borrowing and that the remainder should be funded from revenue, the Cabinet has agreed to reconsider this issue when a balanced budget has been achieved.</p>	
<p>04/04/13</p>	<p><u>Budget</u></p> <p>Reviewed the suggestions that had been made as part of their informal discussions to enable Members to identify potential budgetary savings. Identified a number of priority areas for consideration by the Cabinet.</p>		<p>The Panel's report was considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 18 April 2013. In response, the Cabinet has:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ requested the Employment Panel to review the use of consultants and agency staff; ▪ referred the issue of training to the Member Development Working Group; ▪ agreed to convene an informal meeting of Executive Councillors, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economic Well-Being) and the Managing Director to discuss shared services, the Council's electoral arrangements and improved procurement. 	

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07/03/13	<u>Loves Farm Community Centre</u> Received an update on the current position regarding funding for the Centre. Made a number of comments which have been forwarded to the Managing Director.		Discussions are taking place with Cambridgeshire County Council about joint use of the site. St Neots Town Council have requested the transfer of the land and Section 106 money so that they can provide the facility themselves. No decisions will be taken until a response has been received from the County Council.	
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