

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

**2ND JULY 2013  
4TH JULY 2013  
9TH JULY 2013**

**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
Social Value	To consider the development of a methodology for the quantification of Social Value.	Social Well-Being	Working Group will focus on three key areas; namely social, health and financial benefits of the Council's activities. Officers have been tasked with attaching financial values to these benefits. Meeting to be held on 18th July 2013.	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 July 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. Expected to be presented to the Panel and Cabinet at their October 2013 meetings. Meeting of Working Group being arranged.	Working Group.
Review of Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire	To undertake a review of the Neighbourhood Forums in Huntingdonshire.	Social Well-Being	At a recent meeting of ELSG, the Cabinet agreed to review their decision on Local Joint Committees (LJCs) on the	Working Group

			understanding that they will be permissive on local communities' part and that groups of Parishes will organise, pay for and service the meetings themselves. A report to this effect will appear before the Cabinet in due course.	
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	The Panel has established a Task & Finish Group to review the progress which has been made with regard to their recommendations on the Document Centre.	Working Group
Economic Development	To be determined.	Economic Well-Being	The Huntingdonshire Economic Growth Plan 2013 to 2023 will be considered by the Panel in July 2013.	Whole Panel.
Delivery of Advisory Services Across the District	To monitor the performance of the voluntary organisations awarded grant aid by the Council in 2013-2015.	Social Well-Being	Working Group will meet with each voluntary organisation in August 2013 to review their progress with a further meeting to be arranged 6 months thereafter.  Annual Report on organisations supported by grants through Service Level Agreements to be presented to Panel in November 2013.	Working Group.

Housing Benefit Changes and the Potential Impact Upon Huntingdonshire	To monitor the effect of Government changes to the Housing Benefit System arising from the Welfare Reform Act.	Social Well-Being	Quarterly reports presented to the Panel. Members of the Economic Well-Being Panel will be invited to attend. Next report expected in July 2013.	Whole Panel
Local Plan 2036 – Provision of Social, Affordable and Supported Housing and Impact Upon Homelessness	To explore how the new Local Plan would help to address housing and homelessness needs within the District.	Social Well-Being	An outline of how the new Local Plan will help to address housing and homelessness needs within the District was delivered to the Panel. Regular updates to be provided. Next update expected September 2013. Panel agreed in June 2013 to widen the scope of its work to include supported housing.	Whole Panel.
Customer Services Strategy	To contribute to the production of the new Customer Services and Channel Migration Strategy.	Economic Well-Being	Meetings of the Working Group have been held on 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 26 <sup>th</sup> March and 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2013. 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.	Working Group
Review of Elderly Patient Care at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital	To undertake a review of elderly patient care at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.	Social Well-Being	Working Group appointed to undertake a review which will be undertaken in conjunction with the	Working Group

			Hospital. Chairman awaiting information from the Franchise Manager at the Hospital to determine how the study should proceed. Public views will be elicited as part of the study.	
Review of Ambulance Service Provision	To undertake a review of Ambulance Service provision within the District.	Social Well-Being	Background information on Ambulance Service provision to be submitted to the Panel at a future meeting.	To be determined