

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

**3 SEPTEMBER 2013
5 SEPTEMBER 2013
10 SEPTEMBER 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
Great Fen	To monitor the latest developments in respect of the Great Fen.	Environmental Well-Being	Site visits undertaken by the Panel in July 2010 and October 2012. A Socio-Economic Study was presented to the Panel at its March 2013 meeting. Further updates will continue to be provided to the Panel at appropriate times. Site visit to be held on 17th September 2013.	Whole Panel.
Maintenance of Water Courses	To receive a presentation on the maintenance arrangements in place for Water Courses within the District.	Environmental Well-Being	Panel requested for an update on the drainage problems experienced at Yaxley. Update to be delivered to Panel in September 2013.	Working Group
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. This Group will meet on 11 th September 2013.	Working Group
Economic Development	To be determined.	Economic Well-Being	The Huntingdonshire Economic Growth Plan 2013 to 2023 was considered by the Panel in	Whole Panel.

			July 2013. The Economic Development Manager will attend a future meeting to provide an update on the marketing and implementation plans.	
Customer Services Strategy	To contribute to the production of the new Customer Services and Channel Migration Strategy.	Economic Well-Being	A number of meetings of the Working Group have been held. The Working Group will meet again on 12 th September, prior to the draft Strategy being submitted to Overview and Scrutiny & Cabinet in October.	Working Group
Grounds Maintenance - Service Standards	To review the Council's expenditure on grounds maintenance.	Environmental Well-Being	Report submitted to the Panel at its June 2013 meeting. Further report to be submitted to the Panel in October 2013.	Whole Panel.
Communications & Marketing	To be determined.	Economic Well-Being	First Meeting of the Working Group will be held on 11 September to determine the remit and scope of the review.	Working Group
Shared Services	To be determined	Economic Well-Being	The Membership of this Working Group will be confirmed at the September Panel Meeting. The Working Group will then	Working Group

			meet with the Assistant Director (Finance & Resources) to determine the scope of this review.	
Recycling in Flats	To receive details of areas within the District where household recycling was not taking place.	Environmental Well-Being	A position statement will be submitted to the Panel's September 2013 meeting.	Whole Panel.