

**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
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 held on 18th July 2013.	Working Group
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. To be presented to the Panel and Cabinet at their October 2013 meetings. Meeting of Working Group held on 28th August 2013.	Working Group.
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.

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 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 at its September 2013 meeting.	Working Group
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
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 shortly 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 October 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 October 2013 as part of the Affordable Housing Policy report.	Whole Panel.
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.
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 Hospital. First meeting held on 18th July 2013. Member and Officer views on their experiences of patient care at the Hospital will be sought as part of investigations. A presentation on the	Working Group

			procurement of the Older Peoples Programme will be delivered to the Panel in December 2013.	
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.