

**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.
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	Working Group

			service the meetings themselves. A report to this effect will appear before the Cabinet at its September 2013 meeting.	
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 July 2013. The Economic Development Manager will attend a future meeting to provide an update on the marketing and implementation plans.	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 shortly to review their progress with a further meeting to be arranged 6 months thereafter.	Working Group.

			Annual Report on organisations supported by grants through Service Level Agreements to be presented to Panel in November 2013.	
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.
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

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 procurement of the Older Peoples Programme will be delivered to the Panel in December 2013.	Working Group
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 meet with the Assistant Director (Finance & Resources) to determine the scope of this review.	Working Group