

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS
Delivery of Advisory Services Across the District	<p>To monitor the performance of the voluntary organisations awarded grant aid by the Council in 2013 – 2015.</p> <p>To discuss funding arrangements for the final year of the Voluntary sector agreements.</p>	Social Well-Being	Annual performance report considered by Panel in June 2014.
Housing and Council Tax 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	The Panel received the latest six-monthly report on the effect of the Government's Welfare Reform programme and how it impacts on households in Huntingdonshire. Further updates only to be provided when circumstances require it.
Waste Collection Policies	To assist the Head of Operations and Executive Member for Operations & Environment with reviewing waste collection policies in relation to the collection points for wheeled bins/sacks and remote properties (farms and lodges).	Environmental Well-Being	First meeting of Working Group held on 24 th June 2014. Further meeting to be arranged to consider the outcome of the survey work being undertaken by the Operations Division on affected properties and various other matters.
Affordable Housing	To make recommendations for the next Housing Strategy 2016-19 by considering and making recommendations on ways to deliver affordable housing, including through the rural and enabled exceptions policy of the Local Plan and through the Community Land Trust.	Social Well-Being	<p>Second meeting held. Relevant potential policies in new Local Plan reviewed and recommendations made. Study programme agreed.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held to review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural housing programme – past and future • Community Land Trust model • Ways to increase awareness / take up • Work of Foundation East

Project Management	To be agreed in December.	Economic-Well Being	Following the Panel's discussion on the Project Closure reports for the Huntingdon Multi-Storey Car Park and One Leisure, St Ives, the Panel has agreed to establish a Select Committee in February 2015 to give further consideration to the issues emerging from the report, to seek assurances that improvements had been made to Council processes moving forward and to test the robustness of the Council's approach. Representatives from the Social and Environmental Well-Being Panels have also been appointed. The Terms of Reference for this Committee were considered at the Panel's December meeting. The Select Committee met in advance of their January meeting to discuss the scope of the Select Committee. Select Committee to be held on 17th February 2015.
Facing the Future	Ongoing monitoring role of financial implications of Facing the Future for the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Economic Well-Being	The Panel has received two updates on progress with the delivery of the Facing the Future programme. Financial information will be presented to Members in February / March 2015.
The Health Economy	To establish priorities for future work on the local health economy.	Social Well-Being	<p>Scoping paper considered. Further reports requested on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the current state of Neighbourhood Planning within the Council and how it was likely to develop and how it might promote community resilience; • on community engagement, including examples of good practice; • on the impact of Welfare Reforms, including fuel poverty and how it was defined; • reviewing the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment arrangements, and • on the impact of growth on GP surgeries, school places and hospital capacity.