

## 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	The Head of Community will present an update to the Panel October 2015.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Benefits Risk Based Verification Policy to be presented to the Panel on 07/07/15</p>
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>A Working Group meeting was held on 16th March 2015. Government changes affecting the supply of new affordable housing and the Elphick-House Report were reviewed.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held to scrutinise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The housing register</li> <li>• Statistics on homelessness</li> <li>• Housing Need</li> <li>• Bands of people on the register</li> </ul> <p>The Working Group is seeking a member from each of the Economic and Environmental Panels to join the Working Group.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Affordable Housing Working Group is to be held on 20th April 2015. Given the imminent</p>

			<p>submission date of the Local Plan it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the Affordable Housing Working Group, the Managing Director, the Executive Councillor (Strategic Planning and Housing) and the Leader in order to progress the matter including the inclusion of recommendations for the Local Plan and to inform any refresh of the housing strategy.</p> <p>Following the meeting of the Affordable Housing Working Group in April 2015, a report on the group's activities will be completed and submitted for scrutiny in November 2015.</p>
Project Management	To be agreed in December.	Economic-Well Being	<p>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.</p> <p>Panel members received a report from the Projects and Programmes Manager Laura Lock on the changes in Project Management within HDC</p>
Facing the Future	Ongoing monitoring role of financial implications of Facing the Future for the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Economic Well-Being	<p>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.</p> <p>Panel members received a report from the Projects and Programmes Manager Laura Lock on the changes in Project Management within HDC Including Facing the</p>

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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"> <li>• on the current state of Neighbourhood Planning within the Council and how it was likely to develop and how it might promote community resilience;</li> <li>• on community engagement, including examples of good practice;</li> <li>• on the impact of Welfare Reforms, including fuel poverty and how it was defined;</li> <li>• reviewing the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment arrangements, and</li> <li>• on the impact of growth on GP surgeries, school places and hospital capacity.</li> </ul>