

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING PANELS

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS
Delivery of Advisory Services Across the District	To monitor the performance of the voluntary/community organisations awarded grant aid by the Council in 2013 – 2015. To discuss funding arrangements for the final year of the Voluntary sector agreements.	Social Well-Being	The Panel received presentations at its October 2015 meeting from the six organisations currently in receipt of three year funding awards (Strategic Grants) which are due to end in March 2016. Further reports from the Head of Community are due in advance of an application process for future grant funding being launched in early 2016.
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 a report on the effect of the Government's Welfare Reform programme and how it impacts on households in Huntingdonshire in December 2014. It was agreed that further updates will only to be provided as circumstances require.
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	A report on the Working Group's findings and recommendations is due to be submitted for the Panel's November 2015 meeting.
The Health Economy	To establish priorities for future work on the local health economy.	Social Well-Being	Scoping paper considered. Further reports requested on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current state of Neighbourhood Planning within the area and how it was likely to develop and how it might promote community resilience; • community engagement, including examples of good practice; • the impact of Welfare Reforms, including fuel poverty and how it was defined;

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewing the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment arrangements, and • the impact of growth on GP surgeries, school places and hospital capacity.
Project Management Select Committee	To review and test the robustness of the Council's project management arrangements.	Economic-Well Being	A report from the Projects and Programmes Manager on changes in Project Management was submitted to all three Overview and Scrutiny Panels in June 2015. The Panel received a six month update report on project delivery in October 2015 and a further review by the Project Management Select Committee is due in March 2016.
Facing the Future	Ongoing monitoring role of financial implications of Facing the Future for the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Economic Well-Being	Panel members received a report from the Projects and Programmes Manager on changes in Project Management, including Facing the Future, in June 2015. Progress is now reported to the Panel and Cabinet through the quarterly Integrated Performance Monitoring report.