

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL 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.	Communities and Customers	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.	Communities and Customers	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.	Communities and Customers	A report on the Working Group's findings and recommendations was submitted at the Panel's November 2015 meeting. The Panel agreed to submit the recommendations to Cabinet's meeting in November 2015 for their consideration. A report of Cabinet's response to the recommendations is to be submitted to the Panel's January 2016 meeting.
The Health Economy	To establish priorities for future work on the local health economy.	Communities and Customers	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.
Registered Social Providers	To review the work of Registered Social Providers and the challenges faced by them.	Communities and Customers	The Panel appointed Councillors R Fuller, P Kadewere, M C Oliver and Mrs D Reynolds onto the Working Group. A scoping report will be considered by the Working Group in January 2016.
Review of the Impact of Cambridgeshire County Council's Draft Budget Proposals	To review the Cambridgeshire County Council's Budget proposals and assess their impact upon Huntingdonshire and it's residents.	Communities and Customers	<p>The Panel appointed Councillors D Brown, S Criswell, M Francis, T Hayward and P Kadewere onto the Working Group.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny (Economic Well-Being) appointed Councillors T Alban, G Bull, B Hyland and M Shellens onto the Working Group.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny (Environmental Well-Being) appointed Councillors Mrs S J Conboy, D A Giles, T D Sanderson and R J West onto the Working Group.</p> <p>A Working Group scrutinising the Children's, Families and Adult's Services aspects of the County Council's Budget Proposals will take place on 14th January 2016.</p> <p>A second Working Group scrutinising the Economy, Transport and Environmental Services aspects of the County Council's Budget Proposals will take place on 19th January 2016.</p>
Flood Prevention within the District	To investigate flood prevention arrangements in the District and the impact of flooding on associated local policy developments.	Economy and Growth	Following a presentation on flood risk management from representatives of the Environment Agency, a scoping report was considered by the Panel in April 2014 and a Working Group appointed. The Chief Executive and Clerk to the Middle Level Commissioners delivered a presentation to the Panel's June 2014 meeting to outline their role with

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			flood alleviation in the District and the working group met in March 2015 to consider the draft Cambridgeshire Flooding and Water SPD.
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).	Economy and Growth	<p>The Working Group's activities are currently on hold until the Operations Review has been completed and implemented.</p> <p>A draft new operational policy for garden waste contamination was considered at the Panel's September meeting in advance of a future report to Cabinet.</p> <p>A draft new operational policy for dry recyclates contamination was considered at the Panel's November meeting in advance of a future report to Cabinet.</p> <p>Review work for a lane end collection policy was considered at the Panel's November meeting in advance of policy development.</p>
Litter Policies and Practices (to include graffiti removal)	To consider and make recommendations on future litter and graffiti service scope and standards and on public appetite for changes.	Economy and Growth	The Working Group's activities are currently on hold until the Operations Review has been completed and implemented.