

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.	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.
The Impact Of Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Proposals On Huntingdonshire And It's Residents.	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>
Project Management Select Committee	To review and test the robustness of the Council's project management arrangements.	Finance and Performance	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.