

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITIES AND CUSTOMERS PANEL

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS
Voluntary Sector Grant Funding	To review the proposed funding allocation for Voluntary Sector Groups and the impact of those proposals.	Communities and Customers	<p>The Panel requested the formation of this Working Group following the receipt of the report on Voluntary Sector Grant Funding 2016/17 to 2019/20. A meeting of the Working Group took place on 25th February 2016 and 14th March 2016.</p> <p>Further meetings will take place on 11th April, 25th April, 17th May and 14th June 2016.</p>
The Health Economy	To establish priorities for future work on the local health economy.	Communities and Customers	<p>Scoping paper considered. Further reports requested on:</p> <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; • 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	<p>The Working Group was joined by the Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning and Housing on 29th February 2016 to study the impact of national housing changes on local housing associations in the District.</p> <p>A follow up meeting to summarise the findings of the study was held on 21st March 2016.</p>
Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Scrutiny	To review the Cambridgeshire County Council's Budget proposals and assess their impact upon Huntingdonshire and	Communities and Customers	The Working Group comprised of Councillors T Alban, D Brown, G Bull, Mrs S J Conboy, S Criswell, M Francis, D A Giles, T Hayward, B Hyland, P Kadewere, T D Sanderson, M Shellens and R J West.

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	it's residents.		Meetings were held on 14th and 19th January 2016 to scrutinise the various aspects of the County Council's Budget Proposals.
Review of Elderly Patient Care at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital	In conjunction with the hospital the group will review elderly patient care at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.	Communities and Customers	<p>The Working Group consists of Councillors S J Criswell, T Hayward, Mrs P A Jordan, P Kadewere and Mrs R E Matthews. Meetings were held on 18th July 2013, 11th November 2013 and 24th February 2014.</p> <p>A meeting of the Working Group took place on 1st April 2016.</p>