

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT PANEL AND THE ECONOMY AND GROWTH 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 Environment	<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 Environment	<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 Environment	<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>
Waste Collection Policies	To assist the Head of Operations and Executive Member for Operations & Environment with reviewing waste collection policies in	Communities and Environment	<p>The Working Group's activities are currently on hold until the Operations Review has been completed and implemented.</p> <p>Draft operational policies for garden waste contamination,</p>

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	relation to the collection points for wheeled bins/sacks and remote properties (farms and lodges).		dry recyclates contamination and lane end collection was considered at the Panel's November 2015 meeting. The Review of Waste Policies was considered at the Panel's January 2016 meeting.
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.	Communities and Environment	The Working Group's activities are currently on hold until the Operations Review has been completed and implemented. The Street Cleansing Service Specification was considered at the Panel's January 2016 meeting.
Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Scrutiny	To review the Cambridgeshire County Council's Budget proposals and assess their impact upon Huntingdonshire and it's residents.	Performance 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. Meetings were held on 14th and 19th January 2016 to scrutinise the various aspects of the County Council's Budget Proposals.