

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT 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. Meetings of the Working Group took place on 25th February, 14th March, 11th April, 25th April, 17th May and 14th June 2016.</p> <p>A final report with the Working Group's recommendations was submitted to the Panel on 12th July 2016 before being presented to Cabinet on 21st July 2016. The Cabinet agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) to approve the award of two contracts, one for advice based services and the other for infrastructure services; ii) that the contract will run until 31st March 2020; iii) the budget model be Option 3 (amended) as detailed in the first Table in paragraph 4.4 of the Cabinet report; iv) the funding split should be 65% to 35% in favour of advice based services, and v) that the existing Task and Finish Group be retained and work with the Executive Councillor for Community Resilience to develop the contract terms including performance metrics and reporting frameworks.
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

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			<p>arrangements, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact of growth on GP surgeries, school places and hospital capacity. <p>No new update – August 2016.</p>
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. A follow up meeting to summarise the findings of the study was held on 21st March 2016.</p> <p>The findings of the study fed into a discussion on the Draft Housing Strategy 2016-2019 at the Panel meeting in April 2016.</p> <p>No new update – August 2016.</p>
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).	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, dry recyclates contamination and lane end collection was considered at the Panel's November 2015 meeting.</p> <p>The Review of Waste Policies was considered at the Panel's January 2016 meeting.</p> <p>The Waste Round Reconfiguration Update was considered at the Panel meeting held on 12th July 2016. Further updates will be considered at Panel meetings in September, October and November.</p>
Litter Policies and Practices (to include	To consider and make recommendations on future	Communities and Environment	The Working Group's activities are currently on hold until the Operations Review has been completed and

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graffiti removal)	litter and graffiti service scope and standards and on public appetite for changes.		implemented. The Street Cleansing Service Specification was considered at the Panel's January 2016 meeting. No new update – August 2016.