

CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMY AND GROWTH AND PERFORMANCE AND CUSTOMERS PANELS

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS
Car Park Fees	To review all the options for car park fees and determine what option is best for the District.	Economy and Growth	<p>Following the submission of the Review of Fees and Charges – Car Parks, to its meeting in October 2016, the Panel decided to include the topic of Car Park Fees on to its work programme.</p> <p>This work stream is currently on hold until the Cabinet have made a decision on the Review of Fees and Charges – Car Parks report.</p>
Local Plan To 2036	To scrutinise the work of Officers in the delivery of the Council's Local Plan to 2036.	Economy and Growth	The Panel had previously decided that this topic is the number one priority on the work programme. The Panel will continue to receive update reports on the topic. In addition the Chairman has agreed to become the Panel's expert on the topic.
Devolution	To examine the District's role in Devolution.	Economy and Growth	Members decided that before appointing a Panel expert, the Executive Councillor responsible for the topic should attend a future Panel meeting and explain what work has been done so far. To that end the Executive Leader is to update Members on Devolution at its meeting in November 2016.
Community Resilience Plan including relationships with Parish and Town Councils and the County Council	To examine how the Community Resilience Plan will affect the Council's relationships with the wider community.	Economy and Growth	Members decided that before establishing a task and finish group, the Executive Councillor responsible for the topic should attend a future Panel meeting and explain what work has been done so far.
Housing Working Group	The working group want to scrutinise the Housing Strategy.	Economy and Growth	<p>Members decided that a Housing Working Group (formally known as the Affordable Housing Working Group and the Registered Social Providers Working Group) should be resurrected to review housing policy as and when required.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to invite the Executive Councillor responsible for the topic to a future Panel meeting and explain what work has been done so far.</p>

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Town Centres/High Street Viability	To scrutinise the effects of the current policies affecting town centres in order to shape future policies and town centre use.	Economy and Growth	Members decided that before establishing a task and finish group, the Executive Councillors responsible for the topic should attend a future Panel meeting and explain what work has been done so far.
Homelessness Accommodation (Coneygear Court)	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session on 20th September that this area requires scrutinising. The Panel will decide at its meeting on 2nd November whether to accept the item onto the work programme and how to proceed.
Shared Services Strategy	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session on 20th September that this area requires scrutinising. The Panel will decide at its meeting on 2nd November whether to accept the item onto the work programme and how to proceed.
Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Scrutiny	To review the Cambridgeshire County Council's Budget proposals and assess their impact upon Huntingdonshire and its residents.	Performance and Customers	<p>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.</p> <p>Meetings were held on 14th and 19th January 2016 to scrutinise the various aspects of the County Council's Budget Proposals.</p> <p>The Managing Director and Executive Leader have met with the Chief Executive Officer and Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council and following the meeting a report will be submitted by Cambridgeshire County Council which be available to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels. The Managing Director confirmed that the process of budget scrutiny will take place again this Municipal Year (2016/17).</p>
Commercialisation	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session on 20th September that this area requires

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Trade Union Recognition	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session on 20th September that this area requires scrutinising. The Panel will decide at its meeting on 2nd November whether to accept the item onto the work programme and how to proceed.
Use of Council Assets	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session on 20th September that this area requires scrutinising. The Panel will decide at its meeting on 2nd November whether to accept the item onto the work programme and how to proceed.
Taxi and Hackney Carriages Policies	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session on 20th September that this area requires scrutinising. The Panel will decide at its meeting on 2nd November whether to accept the item onto the work programme and how to proceed.
Bus Departure Levy	To explore the possibility of introducing a bus departure levy at the Council's bus stations.	Performance and Customers	<p>At its meeting in January 2016, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Finance and Performance) agreed that the Bus Departure Levy should be explored.</p> <p>To date no work has been done on the levy and the Panel have to decide whether to keep it on the work programme and how to proceed.</p>