

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY AND GROWTH PANELS**

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>PANEL</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Hinchingsbrooke Hospital	To review the plans for the merger of the Trusts running Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals.	Communities and Environment	<p>Mr McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital attended a Panel meeting in February 2016 to discuss Hinchingsbrooke's improvement plan and collaboration with Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Mr McCarthy attended a special meeting of the Panel in June 2016 to discuss the Outline Business Case for merger of the Trusts running Hinchingsbrooke, Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals. The Panel sent a response to the proposals outlining Members' concerns.</p> <p>Mr McCarthy attended a special meeting of the Panel in October 2016 to discuss the Full Business Case for merger of the Trusts running Hinchingsbrooke, Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals. Members still have concerns and have articulated them to Cabinet who will decide if a Council response is appropriate.</p>
Huntingdonshire CCTV Network	Examine the utilisation of CCTV and identify whether they are value for money.	Communities and Environment	At the request of the Executive Leader, Members agreed to examine the utilisation of CCTV in the market towns by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.
Future of Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, Paxton Pits, Godmanchester Nursery and Public Rights of Way	To be confirmed.	Communities and Environment	<p>Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session in September 2016 that this topic requires further scrutiny. The Panel, at its meeting in October 2016, decided to include the item on to its work programme.</p> <p>The Panel will receive an exempt report at its meeting in November 2016 on the contractual arrangements and potential improvement programme of Hinchingsbrooke Country Park.</p>
Car Park Fees	To review all the options for car park fees and determine what option is best for the	Economy and Growth	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

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	District.		<p>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>
Town Centres/High Street Viability	To scrutinise the effects of the current policies affecting town centres in order to shape future polices 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.