

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

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>PANEL</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Parking Strategy	To be decided.	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>The Cabinet have agreed the establishment of a task and finish group to review the parking strategy of the Council. The Panel have appointed Councillors D B Dew, R Fuller, I D Gardener and T D Sanderson to the task and finish group.</p> <p>Officers need to establish how the task and finish group will work with the Executive Leader’s task force on car parks.</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	<p>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.</p> <p>The latest update report was presented at the Panel meeting in December 2016.</p>
Devolution	To examine the District’s role in Devolution.	Economy and Growth	<p>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.</p> <p>The Executive Leader updated Members on Devolution at the Panel meeting in November 2016.</p>
Community Resilience Plan including relationships with Parish and Town Councils and	To examine how the Community Resilience Plan will affect the Council’s relationships with the wider	Economy and Growth	<p>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.</p>

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the County Council	community.		
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>Officers are currently working on a scoping document for consultation with the Panel.</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	<p>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.</p> <p>The Panel received at its meeting in December 2016 the Review of Street Markets (Huntingdon and St Ives).</p> <p>The Executive Councillor for Strategic Resources was in attendance at the Panel meeting in December 2016 to discuss the Council's Commercial Investment Strategy.</p> <p>BID Huntingdon will be attending a Panel meeting in February 2017 to explain its work.</p>
Shared Services Strategy	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	<p>Members agreed at the Scrutiny Work Programming Session on 20th September that this area requires scrutinising.</p> <p>The Panel have invited the Executive Councillor responsible for the topic to attend a future Panel meeting and explain what work has been done so far.</p>
Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Scrutiny	To review the Cambridgeshire County Council's Budget proposals and assess their impact	Performance and Customers	Following the budget scrutiny exercise during the last Municipal Year, the County Council have decided to carry out a budget scrutiny exercise for 2017/18.

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	upon Huntingdonshire and it's residents.		Representatives from the County Council were in attendance at the Panel meeting in December 2016 to present the County Council Budget for 2017-22. A response to the budget proposals has been sent to the County Council.
Commercialisation	To be decided.	Performance and Customers	The Cabinet dealt with the Commercialisation report at its meeting on 17th November 2016 as a matter of urgency. As the decision has been taken, there is no scope for Overview and Scrutiny involvement.
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 11th January 2017 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 11th January 2017 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>