

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

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>PANEL</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Huntingdonshire CCTV Network	Examine the utilisation of CCTV and identify whether they are value for money.	Communities and Environment	<p>At the request of the Executive Leader, Members agreed to examine the utilisation of CCTV in the market towns by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the scoping document at their meeting in January 2017. Councillors T D Alban, Mrs A Donaldson, D A Giles, P Kadewere and Mrs J Tavener have been appointed to the group.</p> <p>The first meeting took take place in February 2017. Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime was in attendance to provide the group with evidence.</p> <p>The second meeting will take place on 16th March 2017. Inspector Angel of Cambridgeshire Constabulary will be in attendance.</p>
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 received an exempt report at its meeting in November 2016 on the contractual arrangements and potential improvement programme of Hinchingsbrooke Country Park.</p> <p>The Cambridgeshire County Council Officer responsible for the Public Rights of Way is due to give a presentation at the Panel meeting in March 2017.</p>
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.	Communities and Environment	<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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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 in December 2016. The next update is in April 2017.</p>
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> <p>The Panel are due to receive a report on the Housing Strategy at the Panel meeting in April 2017.</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 attended the Panel meeting in February 2017 to explain its work and the upcoming BID Stage 2 Ballot.</p> <p>The Panel also have a separate work stream dedicated to working on the Car Parking Strategy.</p>

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Strategic Review of Parking	To review the current level of car parking provision and produce a Parking Strategy for Huntingdonshire.	Economy and Growth	<p>Following the presentation of the Review of Fees and Charges – Car Parks, at the Panel meeting in October 2016, the Panel decided to include the topic of Car Park Fees on to its work programme.</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed the establishment of a task and finish group to review the parking strategy of the Council. The Panel appointed Councillors D B Dew, R Fuller, I D Gardener and T D Sanderson to the task and finish group. As of December 2016 Councillor R Fuller is no longer a Member of the 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> <p>A scoping document is expected to be presented at the Panel meeting in April.</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>