

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

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS
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>
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>

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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 June 2017.</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>
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>

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Corporate Plan	To review the Performance Indicators and Key Actions of the Corporate Plan.	Performance and Customers	<p>At the Panel meeting in February, Members are to establish a task and finish group reviewing elements of the Corporate Plan. The Panel have appointed Councillors M F Shellens, R G Tuplin, D M Tysoe and R J West to the task and finish group.</p> <p>The group met on 27th February 2017 and the findings have been fed back into a report which was presented to Cabinet on 16th March 2017. The report was discussed by Full Council on 29th March 2017.</p>
Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Scrutiny	To review the Cambridgeshire County Council's Budget proposals and assess their impact upon Huntingdonshire and it's residents.	Performance and Customers	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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.