



**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**28 JANUARY 2014**

**BRIEFING NOTE: Overview and Scrutiny Reporting and Monitoring  
Working Group – Council Wide Draft Budget 2014-19**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Reporting and Monitoring Working Group met on 6 January 2014 to review the draft budget details and identify proposals that it considered merited closer scrutiny.

**2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 All the items in the revenue and capital budget proposals were discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Reporting and Monitoring Working Group, The Working Group agreed a number of priority items forward for closer scrutiny by the full Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.2 The items chosen for closer scrutiny are:

**General Fund Saving Option**

Print Review £150k

**General Fund Growth Option:**

Car Parking:

Car park first two hours free (multi storey only) £382k

Car park free Saturday parking £282k

**General Fund Capital Scheme:**

Delapre Abbey Restoration £5.6m

- 2.3 Cabinet Members and Officers have been asked to attend this meeting to support the scrutiny of these proposals.
- 2.4 Comments raised by Overview and Scrutiny will form part of the Cabinet considerations for agreeing the final budget proposals to Council. They will be provided to Council as an Appendix to the Cabinet report so that they can also be taken into account in approving a final budget.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its comments and observations to be included as an Appendix to the Cabinet report; and for consideration by Cabinet in agreeing a final budget proposal.

### **4. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 4.1 Budget Consultation (NBC internet).

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