



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29 JULY 2015

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – HEALTH CHECK OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake a Review regarding the Health Check of the Local Economy, the rationale being “To look at how partners locally, including the private sector, can work together to influence the local economy.”
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Rufia Ashraf (Chair); Councillor Samuel Shaw (Deputy Chair); Councillors Janice Duffy, Terrie Eales, Elizabeth Gowen and Cathrine Russell.
- 1.3 At the inaugural meeting of the Scrutiny Panel, Councillors agreed the scope of the Review; a copy is attached at Appendix A, for the Committee’s approval.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 In discussing the rationale for the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcomes should be:
 - To make informed recommendations to all relevant parties on the most appropriate approaches in influencing the local economy
- 2.4 The schedule of meetings comprises:-
 - July 2015 to March 2016
 - 16 July 2015
 - 17 September
 - 15 October
 - 3 December
 - 21 January 2016
 - 10 March
- 2.5 Various site visits will be programmed in during this period, if required.

- 2.6 Meetings of the Scrutiny Panel will commence at 6.00pm and be held in the Jeffery Room at the Guildhall.
- 2.7 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the scope of the Scrutiny Panel 1, as attached at Appendix A.

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