



**NORTHAMPTON
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 JANUARY 2016

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – HEALTH CHECK OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Panel has held a further evidence gathering meeting.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 30 November, the Scrutiny Panel received a response to its core questions from expert advisors:

Director, Northampton Enterprise Partnership
Director, SEMLEP
Director, Northamptonshire Growth Hub
Director, Talent Match, Northamptonshire
Executive Director, Skills Funding Agency (SFA)
Director, Environment, Development, and Transport, NCC

- 2.2 The Scrutiny Panel also received a background briefing paper that detailed a number of published reports.

- 2.3 A further evidence gathering meeting is scheduled with the next being set for 14 January 2016. Evidence from additional expert advisors will be provided at this meeting.

- 2.4 It is envisaged that this Scrutiny Review will conclude in March 2016, with the report of the Scrutiny Panel presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting scheduled for 11 April 2016.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the update is noted.

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