



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 JUNE 2016

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – PRE DECISION SCRUTINY: MUSEUM TRUST

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 2 to undertake a Review regarding Pre Decision Scrutiny: Museum Trust the rationale being “Scrutiny of the establishment of the Museum Trust to ensure the best outcome for the future of the Museum Service and Cultural Quarter.”

1.2 The purpose of the meetings is to:

- Help non-Executives understand the process of establishing a Museum Trust and the legal framework around the establishment of a Museum Trust.
- Enable non-Executives to meaningfully challenge the rigour and robustness of the process.

1.3 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Jamie Lane (Chair); Councillor Sally Beardsworth (Deputy Chair); Councillors Jane Birch, Muna Cali, Arthur McCutcheon, Brian Sargeant and Samuel Shaw.

1.4 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 provide Scrutiny input, at the pre-decision stage, of the establishment of a Museum Trust

2.4 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

May 2016 to March 2017

23 May 2016

20 June

14 July

15 September

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 2, as attached at Appendix A.

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