



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 JUNE 2016

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – PRE DECISION SCRUTINY: HOMELESSNESS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 3 to undertake a Review regarding Pre Decision Scrutiny: Homelessness the rationale being “To review how the Borough Council and its partners prevent homelessness and respond to those without homes in the borough.”
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Zoe Smith (Chair); Councillor Terrie Eales (Deputy Chair); Councillors Sally Beardsworth, Muna Cali, Vicky Culbard, Janice Duffy, Elizabeth Gowen, Phil Larratt, Dennis Meredith and Samuel Shaw.
- 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 reduce homelessness in the borough of Northampton
 - An understanding of the Local Authority homelessness role and the services provided in Northampton
 - A review of existing homelessness services in Northampton, in order to assess their quality and effectiveness and identify any significant gaps in service

2.2 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

May 2016 to March 2017

26 May 2016

21 July

22 September

24 November

26 January 2017

30 March

2.3 Various site visits will be programmed in during this period, if required.

2.4 Meetings of the Scrutiny Panel will commence at 6.00pm and be held in the Jeffery Room at the Guildhall.

2.5 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 3, as attached at Appendix A.

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