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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY PANEL 3– HOMELESSNESS (PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY)

21 JULY 2016

BRIEFING NOTE: POTENTIAL SITE VISITS

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Panel, at its inaugural scoping meeting, agreed that there was a need for a site visit to take place to a sample of temporary accommodation in the borough and to Oasis House.

2 Information

- 2.1 Desktop research will be undertaken regarding best practice initiatives both in Northampton and external to the town. A briefing note detailing the findings will be presented to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Panel.

3 Site visit proposal

- 3.1 It is proposed that a site visit is arranged for representatives of the Scrutiny Panel to visit a sample of temporary accommodation in the borough. The findings of which will inform the evidence base of this Scrutiny Review.
- 3.2 It is further proposed that representatives of the Scrutiny Panel visit Oasis House. The findings of which will inform the evidence base of this Scrutiny Review.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Scrutiny Officer makes arrangements for representatives of the Scrutiny Panel to visit a sample of temporary accommodation in the borough.
- 4.2 That the Scrutiny Officer makes arrangements for representatives of the Scrutiny Panel visit Oasis House.
- 4.3 That a report back on the findings of the site visits is presented to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Panel.
- 4.4 That a report back on the findings of the desktop research is presented to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Panel.

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