

The objective of this Scrutiny Panel was to undertake pre-decision Scrutiny - Scrutiny of the establishment of the Museum Trust to ensure the best outcome for the future of the Museum Service and Cultural Quarter.

The purpose of the meetings was 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.

The Scrutiny Panel was made up of Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: myself (Chair of the Scrutiny Panel) and Councillor Sally Beardsworth (Deputy Chair); Councillors Jane Birch, Arthur Mc Cutcheon and Brian Sargeant.

The pre-decision scrutiny activity was a focussed piece of work that linked to the Council's corporate priorities and examined a range of information. The Scrutiny Panel looked at what the needs for the provision of Museums were within the Borough of Northampton and the need for a Museum Trust for Northampton. Baseline information was received.

This short sharp Scrutiny pre-decision activity took place between May 2016 and July 2016.

Recommendations are contained within the report.



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