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SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – HOMELESSNESS

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BRIEFING NOTE: SITE VISITS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its inaugural meeting, Scrutiny Panel 3 (Homelessness) agreed that it would undertake a variety of a site visits to inform its evidence base.

2 PROPOSED SITE VISITS

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Chair, together with one other Member of the Scrutiny Panel, visits a variety of temporary accommodations in the Borough.
- 2.2 The site visits will take place on Wednesday, 14 December 2016, meeting at the Guildhall at 2:00pm. It is expected that the site visits will take around 3 - 3.5 hours to conclude. The Housing Options and Advice Manager and the Scrutiny Officer will also attend the site visits.
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Panel also suggested that it would be useful for representatives to visit the Hope Centre Northampton. A site visit to the Hope Centre will take place on Monday 12 December 2016, convening at the Guildhall at 9:45am. Members and Officers will then walk to the Hope Centre for 10am. It is expected that this site visit will take around 1 – 2hours to conclude. The Head of Housing and Wellbeing and the Scrutiny Officer will also attend this site visit.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Scrutiny Panel nominates a member of the Panel to accompany Councillor Smith on the site visit as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of this briefing note.
- 3.2 That the Scrutiny Panels nominates members of the Panel to attend the site visit to the Hope Centre on 12 December 2016, convening at the Guildhall at 9:45am.

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