



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 JUNE 2017

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – CEMETERIES

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake a Review regarding Cemeteries the rationale being “A Review of cemeteries within the borough to include: crematorium provision, green spaces, financial implications, amenities and facilities war graves and heritage.”
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Brian Sargeant (Chair); Councillor Vicky Culbard (Deputy Chair); Councillors Aziz, Bottwood, Kilbride, McCutcheon and Meredith .
- 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 purpose and objectives of the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required objectives should be:
- To review cemeteries in the Borough, concentrating on:
Maintenance and health and safety requirements
Amenities and facilities
Financial implications
- 2.2 In discussing the rationale for the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcomes should be:

- To ensure that the Borough's cemeteries are easily accessible, well maintained with adequate amenities and facilities available for visitors to use.
- To assess the Borough's cemetery provision and burial space

2.3 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

June 2017 to March 2018

22 June 2017
 6 July
 27 September
 9 November
 8 January 2018
 15 March

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

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

2.6 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 1, as attached at Appendix A.

3.2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the objectives of the Review – Cemeteries:

- To review cemeteries in the Borough, concentrating on:

Maintenance and health and safety requirements
 Amenities and facilities
 Financial implications

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