



## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

### **SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – The Move of the University of Northampton**

#### **1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review**

To review the impact on the town and local areas; including student accommodation

##### **Key Lines of Enquiry**

- To understand the work currently being undertaken by the University of Northampton, Northampton Borough Council (NBC), and other partners regarding the move of the University
- To gain an understanding of the social, cultural, physical, economic and environmental effects of the move of the University
- To gain an understanding of the challenges, including all areas of the town, in respect of the move of the University
- To gain an understanding of the implications of the move of the University

#### **2. Outcomes Required**

- To understand the impact of the move of the University and to make recommendations, as appropriate.

#### **3. Information Required**

- Background data
- Background reports
- Best practice data
- Desktop research
- Evidence from expert internal witnesses
- Evidence from expert external witnesses

- Site visits (if applicable)

#### 4. Format of Information

- Background data, including:
  - Presentation to set the scene:
    - Work currently being undertaken regarding the move of the University
    - Number and areas of student accommodation
  - Statistics:
    - Financial data
    - Students
    - Footfall
- Internal expert advisors:
  - Cabinet Member for Housing and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning, NBC
  - Ward Councillors, NBC
  - Town Centre Manager
  - Cabinet Member for Community Safety, NBC
  - Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and the Community Safety Team
  - Environmental Health and Licensing Manager
  - Head of Assets and Regeneration
  - Private Sector Housing Manager
- External expert advisors:
  - Head of Protecting Vulnerable Persons, Northamptonshire Police
  - Representatives from the University of Northampton and the Student Union, University of Northampton
  - Manager, Student Homes, Northampton
  - Letting Agencies, Northampton
  - Executive Director, Town Centre BID
  - Director, PubWatch
  - Residents' Associations, groups such as Friends of Parks Groups etc.

- Site visit(s): student accommodation, University of Northampton campus

## **5. Methods Used to Gather Information**

- Minutes of meetings
- Desktop research
- Site visits
- Officer reports
- Presentations
- Examples of best practice
- Witness Evidence:-

➤ Key witnesses as detailed in section 4 of this scope

## **6. Co-Options to the Review**

- Terry Neville, Chief Operating Officer, University of Northampton, to be approached suggesting that he, or his representative, is co-opted to this Review for its life.

## **7. Community Impact Screening Assessment**

- A Community Impact Screening Assessment to be undertaken on the scope of the Review

## **8. Evidence gathering Timetable**

May 2018 – March 2019

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| • 29 May 2018     | - Scoping meeting       |
| • 12 July         | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 13 September    | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 22 November     | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 31 January 2019 | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 11 February     | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 21 March        | - Approval final report |

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

Meetings to commence at 6.00 pm

## **9. Responsible Officers**

Peter Baguley, Head of Planning

Marion Goodman, Head of Customers and Cultural Services

Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

## **10. Final report presented by:**

Completed by March 2019. Presented by the Chair of the Panel to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

## **11. Monitoring procedure:**

Review the impact of the report after six months (approximately November/December 2019)