



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – NORTHAMPTON POST UNITARY

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a review: Northampton Post Unitary

The purpose of the Review is

- To look at Northampton, (being mindful of the potential Unitary Authority), giving particular consideration to how civic pride and ceremonies can be preserved

CORE QUESTIONS:

A series of key questions have been put together to inform the evidence base of the Scrutiny Panel:

1. Please can you provide details of civic pride, events and ceremonies that currently or previously took place in Northampton for the Scrutiny Panel's consideration for inclusion of its formal list
2. How are Northampton's civic events and ceremonies marketed?

[Need fuller promotion and marketing both within unitrees and in London](#)

[Need to make link with Surprise campaign – Excellence in Food and Drink in Northamptonshire is 2019 campaign](#)

[Enhance American connections with the shoe and leather industries](#)

- 3 Please provide suggestions how you feel the pride and history of the Borough and the Guildhall can be preserved and enhanced as part of any new Unitary Authority.
- 4 **Question to internal witnesses:** What is role of Northampton Borough Council in civic events and ceremonies within the borough ?

[Lead but could be considerably expanded and enhanced.](#)

- 5 Question to external witnesses:** What is the role of partners in civic events and ceremonies within the borough?

Chivalry – LL

NCF is very good

University is good and to be expanded

Education in the Borough should be celebrated

Musical education is extremely good and should be strongly featured (NMPAT)

- 6** In your opinion, how can all assets, including Museums and their contents, in the borough be preserved and secured?

There is a potential for excellence but it is not fully developed yet. If more development takes place, preservation, security and sustainability should be enhanced.

It is imperative that it is ensured that the Leather Museum is a firm feature and fully linked in as are the related City Liveries and Guilds. We need to 'seduce' these bodies to make a major investment, not just as partners but as co-owners. Similarly, links with the National Museum of Justice in Nottingham should be further explored and secured.

Northampton's key links to King John and the Magna Carta should be considerably expanded – and this is more than just visitor boards around the Castle. There are other events in history that should also be further developed such as the Danish invasions which led to considerable movement around the centre of Northampton. I am sure there are other areas where Northampton played a key role in our island and Commonwealth's history.

- 7** Do you have any other information you are able to provide in relation to civic pride in Northampton

Very happy to fit in on any panel to ensure any development post unitary.