



**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**29 JANUARY 2018**

**BRIEFING NOTE:**

**SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – TOURISM AND CULTURE**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Panel has held another evidence gathering meeting.

**2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 A meeting of the Scrutiny Panel took place on 18 January 2018. The Panel heard from a variety of expert advisors, received written evidence and findings from its survey of which there were 95 respondents.
- 2.2 The Scrutiny Panel will undertake a site visit to Market Harborough and Rugby in January 2018. Desktop research regarding other towns and cities and their promotion of culture and heritage is also in progress.
- 2.3 It has one evidence gathering meeting left and will submit its final report to the April meeting of this Committee.
- 2.4 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 notes the progress report.