



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 JUNE 2018

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 2: THE MOVE OF THE UNIVERSITY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 2 to undertake a Review regarding: the move of the University; the rationale being “To review the impact on the town and local areas; including student accommodation”
- 1.2.1 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Graham Walker (Chair); Councillor Sam Kilby Shaw (Deputy Chair); Councillors Aziz, Jane Birch, Vicky Culbard, Gareth Eales, Penny Flavell, Dennis Merdith and Danielle Stone.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Panel suggested that the Chief Operating Officer, University of Northampton, is co-opted to this Review.
- 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 rationale for the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcomes should be:
 - To understand the impact of the move of the University and to make recommendations, as appropriate.
- 2.2 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

May 2018 – March 2019

- 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

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

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

2.5 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 2, as attached at Appendix A.

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