



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 JUNE 2018

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 3: NORTHAMPTON POST UNITARY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 3 to undertake a Review regarding: Northampton Post Unitary the rationale being “To look at Northampton, post Unitary, giving particular consideration to how civic pride and ceremonies can be protected.”
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Brian Sargeant (Chair); Councillor Paul Joyce (Deputy Chair); Councillors Aziz, Vicky Culbard, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Jamie Lane, Danielle Stone, Graham Walker.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Panel suggested that a previous Mayor 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 purpose of the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that it should read “To look at Northampton, (being mindful of the potential Unitary Authority), giving particular consideration to how civic pride and ceremonies can be protected
- 2.2 In discussing the rationale for the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcome should be:
 - To recommend an action plan how civic pride, events and ceremonies can be protected.
- 2.3 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

June 2018 – March 2019

- 14 June 2018 - Scoping meeting
- 4 July - Evidence gathering
- 20 September - Evidence gathering
- 29 November - Evidence gathering
- 7 February 2019 - Evidence gathering
- 25 March - Approval final report

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 both the Jeffery Room at the Guildhall and various locations around the borough.

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 3, as attached at Appendix A.

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