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SCRUTINY PANEL 3 -

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RESPONSE TO THE CORE QUESTIONS: Chair, NIFF

1] How can civic pride and ceremonies and events can be protected.

If the county becomes a unitary authority - where will it be located - The Guildhall/Angel square?

Borough ceremonies that I know of are Holocaust Memorial Day, Mayor Making, Remembrance Day.

If NBC becomes redundant then I suppose there will be no Mayor and I assume that Northampton Representatives elected to serve on the U.A. will ensure the best interests of Northampton are served and will ensure civic pride, ceremonies and events are protected. Maybe the Town Show could be brought back to life with civic pride being promoted.

2] Details of civic pride, events and ceremonies - how are they marketed.

Some are mentioned above, others include "Diwali", The Hindu Festival of Lights, Niff are working with Buddies of Becketts to hold a "Mela" Festival of Friendship in Becketts Park this July to bring Northampton's communities together.

NBC used to employ an "Events Team" based at Cliftonville house who organised the Borough events and did a very good job of marketing.

3] Suggestions : - How can pride and history of borough and guildhall be enhanced and preserved.

I think the residents of Northampton need to get behind this with a dedicated team of employees and/or volunteers to ensure this happens, A media campaign would help.

4] What is the role of partners in civic events and ceremonies.

This I think can be answered with two words "Wholehearted Support"

5] How can all assets Including museums and contents be reserved and secured

I think this will require a working party to resolve.

6] Any other info in relation to civic pride ?

No