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### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**11 NOVEMBER 2019**

#### **BRIEFING NOTE:**

#### **SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – FOOD POVERTY**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake comprehensive Scrutiny activity regarding food poverty
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Dennis Meredith (Chair); Councillor Cathrine Russell (Deputy Chair); Councillors Aziz, Bottwood, Roberts and Smith.
- 1.3 The scope of the Review was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and evidence gathering has continued.

### **2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Panel has held two evidence gathering meetings with further meetings scheduled. At its September 2019 meeting the Scrutiny Panel received a responses to its core questions from a number of key expert advisors and the Chair reported back the findings from the site visits that took place over the summer.
- 2.2 The next evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 20 November 2019.
- 2.3 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 progress report is noted.

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