



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25th JULY 2012

BRIEFING NOTE:

**SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS
AND SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS**

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 3 to undertake a Review regarding Infrastructure requirements and S106 agreements, the rationale being:-

- To evaluate how the infrastructure will be delivered through Section 106 Agreements
- To identify any gaps and how these will be filled
- Regeneration of S106 if necessary and evaluation of the management of the funding

1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Phil Larratt (Chair); Councillors Ifty Choudary, Elizabeth Gowen, Matt Lynch, Jonathan Nunn, David Palethorpe, Suresh Patel and Terry Wire DL.

1.3 As this Review is very in-depth, it was agreed that it would be useful for a Vice Chair to be nominated. Councillor Elizabeth Gowen was elected Vice Chair of the Panel.

1.4 At the first 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 there was a need to enhance the purpose of the Review to read as follows:

- To identify the infrastructure requirements to Northampton and the surrounding areas
- To evaluate how the infrastructure will be delivered through Section 106 Agreements/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- To identify any funding gaps and how these will be filled
- To understand the management of S106 funding

- 2.3 In discussing the outcome of the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcome should be:
- An understanding of the requirements and how there are going to be delivered via developer or other funding streams
- 2.4 The schedule of meetings comprises:-
- 19th July 2012 - Initial scoping meeting
 - 26th September
 - 8th November
 - 13th December
 - 17 January 2013
 - 7th March
- 2.5 Various site visits will be programmed in during this period, if required.
- 2.6 Meetings of the Scrutiny Panel will commence at 6.00 pm and be held in the Jeffery Room at the Guildhall.
- 2.7 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 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the purpose of this Review to read:-
- To identify the infrastructure requirements to Northampton and the surrounding areas
 - To evaluate how the infrastructure will be delivered through Section 106 Agreements/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
 - To identify any funding gaps and how these will be filled
 - To understand the management of S106 funding
- 3.2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the outcomes of this Review to read:-
- An understanding of the requirements and how there are going to be delivered via developer or other funding streams
- 3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2012/2013 be updated to reflect this.
- 3.4 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the scope of Scrutiny Panel 1, as attached at Appendix A.

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