



**NORTHAMPTON
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17th SEPTEMBER 2012

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – RETAIL EXPERIENCE

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Scrutiny Panel 2 (Retail Experience) has embarked upon its evidence gathering and has held a further evidence meeting.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting held on 8th August 2012, the Panel received responses to its core questions from the Cabinet Member for Environment, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Enterprise and the Head of Regeneration and Development.

- 2.2 A paper detailing précises of various published documents was received by the Panel:

- Central Area Action Plan
- Northampton Town Centre Health Check 2009
- Northampton Town Centre Shopping Survey

- 2.3 The Panel has scheduled in two site visits to the town centres of Peterborough and Norwich so that Councillors can assess the offer, profile, image and catchment in order to fully understand the differences and the attraction of the town in comparison to Northampton.

- 2.5 It is envisaged that the Chair of Scrutiny Panel 2 will present the final report to this Committee at its meeting on 15th April 2013.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the progress report from the Chair of Scrutiny Panel 2 be noted.

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