



## **NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**17 SEPTEMBER 2012**

#### **BRIEFING NOTE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES (LGSS) SCRUTINY PANEL**

##### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The LGSS Scrutiny Inquiry held a further meeting in July 2012 and receiving a number of key background papers and considered the terms of reference for the Inquiry.

##### **2 Information**

- 2.1 The background papers received by the Inquiry were:

- Project Governance Structures
- LGSS Governance Structures
- Programme Governance
- LGSS Membership Categories
- Key Objectives
- Scope
- Project Plan
- High Level Risk Register

- 2.2 The Inquiry agreed its terms of reference as:

To consider the LGSS high-level risks set out below and to seek evidence of mitigation of those risks:

- That the LGSS may not achieve value for money
- That the Borough Council may enter into an arrangement that restricts options for the future
- That the Borough Council may be unable to achieve its 2013/14 budget gap
- A reduced ability to react to change and priorities

- 2.3 The schedule of meetings for the LGSS Scrutiny Inquiry has been confirmed and the Chair of the Inquiry will provide progress meetings to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as applicable.

### **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the Terms of Reference for the LGSS Scrutiny Inquiry as detailed in paragraph 3.2 above.

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