



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31st January 2013

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – RETAIL EXPERIENCE

1 INTRODUCTION

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

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting held on 5th December 2012, the Panel received information from key expert advisors.
- 2.2 A report from the Panel members on their site visits to Peterborough, Market Harborough, Southall, Greater London and Milton Keynes where they assessed the offer, profile, image and catchment in order to fully understand the differences and the attraction of the town in comparison to Northampton was provided. A briefing note précisising the findings of desktop research into the retail experience of Stoke and Walsall was received.
- 2.3 A further evidence gathering meeting of the Panel is scheduled for 14th February 2012.

3 RECOMMENDATION

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