



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 November 2013

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING (INCLUDING HIMOs)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the first evidence gathering meeting of Scrutiny Panel 2 has taken place.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting held on 17 October 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received background data:

- Private Sector Housing Strategy

- 2.2 The Scrutiny Panel approved the Equality Impact Assessment for this Review.

- 2.3 A further evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2013, at which the Panel will receive further background data:

- A presentation setting the context of the private sector housing market:
 - Changes over the last ten years
 - Future Trends
- Existing legislation in relation to private sector housing and the options available to local Councils for additional legislation.
- The Empty Homes Programme.

- 2.4 The Scrutiny Panel will also devise its core questions that it will put to a number of key expert advisers.

- 2.5 It is envisaged that the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel will present the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 9 June 2014.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the update is noted.

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