



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 January 2014

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, two further evidence gathering meetings have taken place with another scheduled for 23 January 2014.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting held on 18 November 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received 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.

- 2.2 At its meeting held on 5 December 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received responses to its core questions from two key expert advisers:

- Cabinet Member for Housing, Northampton Borough Council (NBC)
- Interim Private Sector Housing Manager, NBC

- 2.3 The Affordable Housing Strategy Interim Statement was also presented to the Scrutiny Panel.

- 2.4 An evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 23 January 2014, at which the Scrutiny Panel will receive evidence from further expert advisors. A final evidence gathering meeting is set for 13 February, at which the Scrutiny Panel will receive additional evidence from a variety of expert advisors.
- 2.5 It is expected that the Scrutiny Panel will consider the Chair's draft report at the meeting of the Panel scheduled for 30 April 2014.
- 2.6 It is envisaged that the Chair of Scrutiny Panel 2 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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