



**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**9 June 2014**

**BRIEFING NOTE:**

**SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – IMPACT OF THE WELFARE REFORM ACT**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, two further evidence gathering meetings of the Scrutiny Panel have been held.

**2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 3 April 2014, Councillors received further research papers and reports in respect of the Welfare Reform Act. The Scrutiny Panel received a collective response to its core questions from a number of key internal witnesses.
- 2.2 At the meeting held on 8 May 2014, the Scrutiny Panel received responses to its core questions from a number of external key advisors.
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Panel will continue evidence gathering at its meeting scheduled for 30 June 2014, and will receive further responses to its core questions from several external key advisors.
- 2.4 It is envisaged that the review will be concluded in July 2014; with the report of the Scrutiny Panel presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its September 2014 meeting.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the update is noted.