



**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**10 November 2014**

**BRIEFING NOTE:**

**SCRUTINY PANEL 2 - POVERTY IN THE TOWN**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a further evidence gathering meeting of the Scrutiny Panel has taken place.

**2 UPDATE**

2.1 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 11 September 2014, Councillors received a number of key research papers, together with details of relevant legislation:

- Child Poverty Act 2010
- Child Poverty Strategy 2014-2017

2.2 The Chair of Scrutiny Panel 1 (Impact of the Welfare Reform Act) presented the final report of this review to the meeting; highlighting relevant key findings and conclusions.

2.3 The Scrutiny Panel confirmed its list of core questions that it will put to a variety of key expert advisors.

2.4 Further evidence gathering meetings of the Scrutiny Panel are scheduled. The next meeting will be held on 19 November 2014. .

2.5 It is envisaged that the review will conclude in March 2015; with the report of the Scrutiny Panel presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting scheduled for 23 March 2015.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That the update is noted.

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