



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

**28 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**BRIEFING NOTE:**

**SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – HEALTH CHECK OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Panel has commenced upon its evidence gathering with a meeting held on 17 September 2015.

**2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 17 September 2015, a presentation setting the scene – “The Northampton Picture” was given. The meeting received a briefing note detailing a number of background papers. The Scrutiny Panel agreed on the list of core questions that it would issue to expert advisors attending future meetings. The Community Impact Assessment for this Review was approved and will be published on the Overview and Scrutiny webpage.
- 2.2 Further evidence gathering meetings are scheduled with the next being set for 15 October 2015.
- 2.4 The Chair of the Scrutiny Panel will provide progress reports to each meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.5 It is envisaged that this Scrutiny Review will conclude in March 2016, with the report of the Scrutiny Panel presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting scheduled for 11 April 2016.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the update is noted.