



**NORTHAMPTON
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 SEPTEMBER 2015

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY IN RESPECT OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE

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 24 September 2015.

2 UPDATE

- 2.2 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 24 September 2015, a presentation that set the scene was received and a short film of CCTV coverage of Bridge Street during the night time hours was shown. The Scrutiny Panel also 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 and agreed a number of site visits that representatives of the Panel would attend. The Community Impact Assessment for this Review was approved and will be published on the Overview and Scrutiny webpage.
- 2.3 Further evidence gathering meetings are scheduled, with the next meeting being set for 22 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.

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