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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – FOOD POVERTY

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BRIEFING NOTE: POTENTIAL SITE VISITS

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Panel, at its inaugural scoping meeting, agreed that there was a need for site visits to take place.

2 Information

- 2.1 Desktop research will be undertaken regarding best practice initiatives both in Northampton and external to the town. A briefing note detailing the findings will be presented to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Panel.

3 Site visit proposal

- 3.1 It is proposed that a site visit is arranged for representatives of the Scrutiny Panel to visit a Food Bank in the borough. The findings of which will inform the evidence base of this Scrutiny Review. It is suggested that the Chair and one other member of the Panel, together with Officers, takes part in this site visit. It is suggested that the Chair, together with the Democratic and Member Services Manager, visits one food bank; another Councillor, together with the Customer Services Manager visits another food bank. RESTORE will be contacted regarding the site visits.
- 3.2 It is further proposed that representatives of the Scrutiny Panel meet with the organisers of a Holiday Club. The findings of which will inform the evidence base of this Scrutiny Review.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Democratic and Member Services Manager makes arrangements for representatives of the Scrutiny Panel to visit a Food Bank and meet with the organisers of a Holiday Club.
- 4.2 That a report back on the findings of the site visits is presented to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Panel.
- 4.3 That a report back on the findings of the desktop research is presented to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Panel.

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