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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

30 SEPTEMBER 2019

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – FOOD POVERTY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake comprehensive Scrutiny activity regarding food poverty
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Dennis Meredith (Chair); Councillor Cathrine Russell (Deputy Chair); Councillors Aziz, Bottwood, Cali, Roberts and Smith.
- 1.3 The scope of the Review was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and evidence gathering has commenced.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Panel has held one evidence gathering meetings with further meetings scheduled. At its July 2019 meeting the Scrutiny Panel received a very comprehensive “setting the scene” presentation; the core questions were agreed to be put to expert advisors and site visits confirmed.
- 2.2 Over the summer period two visits to Food Banks took place and the Scrutiny Panel will receive the findings from these visits at its September meeting. Also at the September meeting expert advisors will attend the meeting and provided responses to the core questions.
- 2.3 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol, the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the progress report is noted.