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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 FEBRUARY 2020

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 Bottwood, Roberts and Smith. There are two co-optees to the Scrutiny Panel.
- 1.3 The scope of the Review was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and evidence gathering has continued.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 Since the last meeting of this Committee, the Scrutiny Panel has held one evidence gathering meetings with further meetings scheduled. At its January 2020 meeting the Scrutiny Panel received a responses to its core questions from a number of key expert advisors and received information on Statutory and Social Overcrowding.
- 2.2 The next evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 2 March 2020.
- 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.

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