



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - BHS AND M&S REDEVELOPMENT, NORTHAMPTON – SCOPE

1. Topic – Pre-decision Scrutiny - BHS and M&S Redevelopment, Northampton Town Centre

2. Responsible Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC)

3. Purpose of the scrutiny review

The purpose of this Scrutiny pre-decision activity is to provide scrutiny input into the BHS and M&S redevelopment and review the effectiveness of the scheme and how it will contribute to the strategic driver of regeneration of the town centre of Northampton, with particular regard to: business, skills, infrastructure, investment and innovation.

Key lines of enquiry

- To examine the impact on Infrastructure, particularly parking
- To examine how the scheme address will housing need
- To review the additional services that will be delivered/required
- To examine the amenities that the scheme will deliver
- To examine how the scheme aligns with the WNC masterplan
- To review whether the scheme enables a sense of belonging and pride of place
- To determine whether adequate resources have been identified to deliver the scheme

4. Outcomes

To make evidenced based recommendations to inform the BHS and M&S redevelopment

5. Approach

The pre decision scrutiny activity will be carried out by Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Information required

Background data

- Scene-setting presentation – Presentation given to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022
- Risk Log detailing:
 - The risk management process to be followed
 - Legal considerations to be taken into account
 - Environmental implications
- Full financial information that details the financial cost/benefit/risk analysis of the scheme
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- Log of proposed consultation to be undertaken
- Confirmed Timeline targets
- Evaluation/comparison/benchmarking data of similar schemes of comparable demographics/environments, in order that it can be determined whether the timeframe set for delivery of the redevelopment is robust

Views from internal expert advisors

- Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste
- Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs
- Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth
- Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment
- Head of Major Projects and Regeneration

Views from external expert advisors

- The Committee will undertake site visits to various similar developments

6. Resources and support

- Kevin Langley, Head of Major Projects and Regeneration
- Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager for evidence-gathering and for production of the scrutiny review report

7. Timetable and key dates

	Date
Inaugural meeting	5 December 2022
Confirmation of the scope of the review by the Place OSC	7 February 2023
Evidence-gathering (specific dates for meetings and other activity to be set by the Committee)	February to May 2023
Approval of draft report by Place OSC	June/July 2023
Chair of Place OSC to present the final report to WNC Cabinet	September 2023

8. Follow-up/Monitoring

Place OSC will review the impact of the scrutiny review 6 months after the presentation of the final report to decision-makers.

NB: Each OSC will have a monitoring Work Programme to monitor the impact of the accepted recommendations