

The Panel's overarching scope is:

To consider the economic health of the Covered Market and in particular the effects of rents on the diversity of traders.

At the November 2012 meeting of the Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee, it was agreed that the Panel's brief should include the following lines of enquiry:

- Pre-scrutiny and engagement with the developing Covered Market Strategy and Leasing Strategy¹
- Work to engage with representatives of the Covered Market Traders' Association;
- Review the leasing decision in respect of the unit formerly occupied by Palm's delicatessen;
- Consideration of comparative data from similar markets elsewhere

The Panel decided not to explore the leasing decision of the unit formerly occupied by The Palm's Deli as it was felt there was little more they could add. The other three lines of enquiry have formed the basis of the Panel's inquiry.

¹ The Retail Group report

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