



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 JULY 2012

BRIEFING NOTE:

**SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME, VIOLENT, CRIME
AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Scrutiny Panel 1 has embarked upon its evidence gathering and has held one meeting.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting held on 18th June, the Panel received various background documents and baseline data including:

- **Context:**
 - Local statistics
 - Demographics – local
 - Benchmarking data from comparable Local Authorities
- **Baseline data:**
 - National crime statistics
 - Local crime statistics

- 2.2 Site visits to areas that were identified as 'hotspots', and also areas where work had been undertaken were agreed. The Panel has scheduled in visits to Bellinge, Spring Boroughs and Spencer areas.

- 2.3 The next evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 15th August 2012.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the progress report from the Chair of Scrutiny Panel 1 be noted.