



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 JULY 2013

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – IMPROVING THE TOWN'S PARKS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of this Committee, the Scrutiny Panel has embarked upon its evidence gathering.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At its meeting on 1 July 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received background information to inform its evidence base and agreed a number of core questions to be put to a variety of expert advisors. In addition, a survey monkey has been devised, widely distributed and promoted.
- 2.2 It was proposed by the Chair and agreed by the Panel that a Vice Chair be elected. It was agreed that Councillor David Palethorpe be elected Vice Chair of this Scrutiny Panel.
- 2.3 The Chairs, or their representatives, of the following groups have agreed to be co-opted to the Scrutiny Review:
- Friends of Abington Park
 - Friends of Delapre Abbey
 - Friends of Northampton Race Course
 - Friends of West Hunsbury Parks
- 2.4 The next evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 5 August 2013.
- 2.5 The Scrutiny Panel has scheduled some site visits to various parks, the findings of which will inform the evidence base of the Review.
- 2.6 It is envisaged that the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel will present the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 January 2014.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the update is noted.