



**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**9 September 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 held a further evidence gathering meeting, with another scheduled for 4 September. A number of site visits have also taken place.

**2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 5 August 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received information and responses to its core questions from key expert advisors:

- Cabinet Members for Environment and Community Engagement
- Park Rangers' Service

- 2.2 At its meeting on 4 September, the Scrutiny Panel will receive information from further key expert advisors:

- Partnership Manager, Partnership Unit
- Assets Director and Operations Manager, EMS
- Northampton Friends' Group Forum

- 2.3 Site visits to a number of parks in the borough have taken place; the findings will be reported to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Panel on 2 October 2013.

- 2.4 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.