



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 November 2013

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – IMPROVING THE TOWN'S PARKS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of this Committee, Scrutiny Panel 1 has held two further evidence gathering meetings. Evidence gathering is now complete.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At its meeting on 4 September 2013, information from key expert advisors was received:

- Partnership Manager, Partnership Unit
- Operations Manager, Enterprise Management Services (EMS)
- Northampton Friends' Group Forum

- 2.2 A meeting of the Panel was held on 2 October and the following information was received:

- Feedback from the site visits that took place over the summer
- Results of the desktop research exercise
- Evidence from a number of community groups and individuals

- 2.3 The final meeting is scheduled for 25 November, at which the Panel will consider the Chair's draft report.

- 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.

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