



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 JUNE 2014

BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – KEEP NORTHAMPTON TIDY

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 3 to undertake a Review regarding Keeping Northampton Tidy, the rationale being:

- To undertake a review regarding implementing a 'Keep Northampton Tidy' campaign with an accent on preserving wildlife and encouraging children (and adults) to take an interest in their surroundings, to include Community Clean Ups and 'Northampton in Bloom.'
- A review of the problem of littering and fly-tipping, particularly in un-adopted roads and the gateways into the town.

1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Tony Ansell (Chair); Councillor Sivaramen Subbarayan (Deputy Chair); Councillors Penny Flavell, Mick Ford, Phil Larratt, Matt Lynch, Dennis Meredith and Winston Strachan.

1.3 At the inaugural meeting of the Scrutiny Panel, Councillors agreed the scope of the Review; a copy is attached at Appendix A, for the Committee's approval.

2 UPDATE

2.1 The Panel agreed that the purpose of the Review should be revised:

- To undertake a review regarding implementing a 'Keep Northampton Tidy' campaign with an accent on preserving wildlife and encouraging children (and adults) to take an interest in their surroundings, to include Community Clean Ups and 'Northampton in Bloom.'

- A review of the problem of littering and fly-tipping, particularly in un-adopted roads and the gateways into the town.
- To explore opportunities to enhance the gateways into the town.

2.2 The Panel agreed that the Northampton Waste Partnership Executive Officer be approached suggesting that they are co-opted to this Scrutiny Review.

2.3 In discussing the rationale for the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcomes should be:

- To substantially raise people's awareness and appreciation of keeping Northampton tidy and their role in this
- To continue to get community groups involved in keeping Northampton tidy
- To ensure that existing limited resources are utilised fully to raising people's awareness and appreciation of keeping Northampton tidy and their role in this
- To identify areas that have a detrimental effect on the image of the town
- To work with other Agencies to minimise fly-tipping and littering and discourage this taking place, as well as enhancing the gateways into the town

2.4 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

May 2014 to March 2015

- 1 May 2014 - Scoping meeting
- 24 July 2014 - Evidence gathering
- 17 September 2014 - Evidence gathering
- 16 October 2014 - Evidence gathering
- 26 November 2014 - Evidence gathering
- 15 January 2015 - Evidence gathering
- 9 March 2015 - Approval final report

2.5 Various site visits will be programmed in during this period.

2.6 Meetings of the Scrutiny Panel will commence at 6.00 pm and be held in the Jeffery Room at the Guildhall.

2.7 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol, the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the purpose of the Review is updated:

- To undertake a review regarding implementing a 'Keep Northampton Tidy' campaign with an accent on preserving wildlife and encouraging children (and adults) to take an interest in their surroundings, to include Community Clean Ups and 'Northampton in Bloom.'
- A review of the problem of littering and fly-tipping, particularly in un-adopted roads and the gateways into the town.
- To explore opportunities to enhance the gateways into the town.

3.2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the scope of the Scrutiny Panel 1 – Improving the town's parks, as attached at Appendix A.

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