



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

**10 NOVEMBER 2014**

**BRIEFING NOTE:**

**SCRUTINY PANEL 3 – KEEP NORTHAMPTON TIDY**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, two evidence gathering meetings of the Scrutiny Panel have taken place.

**2 UPDATE**

2.1 At the meeting held on 17 September 2014, the Chairman confirmed the list of core questions that he would put to expert advisors and set its schedule of site visits to Peterborough and Market Harborough. The Scrutiny Panel agreed that it would undertake a walkabout of Northampton. An informative presentation on the "[Report It](#)" app. was given to the meeting. A briefing paper detailing relevant Planning Legislation in respect of littering and fly tipping was received.

2.2 At the meeting held on 22 October 2014, the Scrutiny Panel received a response to its core questions from:

- The Cabinet Member (Environment) (NBC)
- The Environmental Services Manager (Environmental Protection) and Neighbourhood Wardens, NBC

2.3 A briefing note detailing best practice elsewhere was also received by the Scrutiny Panel.

2.4 The Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel undertook a walkabout of Northampton on Tuesday, 21 October 2014. There is a site visit to Peterborough and Market Harborough scheduled for Tuesday, 28 October 2014. The findings from the site visits will be reported to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Panel.

2.5 Further evidence gathering meetings of the Scrutiny Panel are scheduled, the next meeting will be held on 26 November 2014.

2.6 It is envisaged that the review will conclude in March 2015; with the report of the Scrutiny Panel presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting scheduled for 23 March 2015.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That the update is noted.

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