



## **NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**10 November 2014**

#### **BRIEFING NOTE:**

### **SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE**

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

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

#### **2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 18 September 2014, the Panel confirmed its core questions to be put to expert advisors and set its schedule of site visits, which includes a visit to Women's Aid and a Refuge, observing a MARAC conference and a visit to the Sunflower Centre.

- 2.2 Further background papers were received by the Scrutiny Panel:

- Various published reports and information from a number of Government Organisations, Groups and Academics
- Australian White Ribbon Campaign and the No Way Project
- Statistical data

- 2.3 At the meeting held on 23 October 2014, the Scrutiny Panel received a collective response to its core questions from:

- The Leader of the Council, Northampton Borough Council (NBC), the Chair, Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and the Cabinet Member (Housing), NBC

- 2.4 Further evidence gathering meetings of the Scrutiny Panel are scheduled, the next meeting will be held on 4 December 2014.

- 2.5 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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