



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

**29 JULY 2015**

**BRIEFING NOTE:**

**SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 2 to undertake a Review regarding Environmental Crime, the rationale being “To investigate behaviours (environmental crime) on the streets.”
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Dennis Meredith (Chair); Councillor Phil Larratt (Deputy Chair); Councillors Rufia Ashraf, Brian Oldham, Zoe Smith and Graham Walker.
- 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 Scrutiny Panel agreed that the title of the Review should be amended to read: “*The impact of anti-social behaviour on the town.*”
- 2.2 It was further suggested that the purpose of the Review be updated to read “*To investigate the impact of anti-social behaviour on the town.*”
- 2.3 In discussing the rationale for the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcomes should be:
  - To make informed recommendations to all relevant parties on methods to deal with anti-social behaviour on the town
- 2.4 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

July 2015 to March 2016

13 July 2015  
10 September  
8 October  
10 December

28 January 2016  
17 March

- 2.5 Various site visits will be programmed in during this period, if required.
- 2.6 Meetings of the Scrutiny Panel will commence at 6.00pm 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the scope of the Scrutiny Panel 2, as attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee amends the title of this Scrutiny Review to read "*The impact of anti-social behaviour on the town.*"
- 3.3 That the purpose of the Scrutiny Review is updated to read "*To investigate the impact of anti-social behaviour on the town.*"

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