



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME AND VIOLENT CRIME/COMMUNITY SAFETY

1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

- To investigate, as a benchmark, Northampton's crime statistics in relation to serious acquisitive and violent crime
- To identify 'hotspots' in relation to serious acquisitive and violent crime
- To identify the impact that serious acquisitive crime and violent crime has on the residents of Northampton
- To identify the serious acquisitive crime and violent crime issues that Northampton Borough Council, in partnership with other Agencies, can have an impact upon

2. Outcomes Required

- To provide a research paper for 2013/2014 to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) detailing outcomes and the Council's priorities
- To investigate what Northampton Borough Council services can do to add further value to effectively addressing serious acquisitive crime across the borough
- To identify which services within the Council that could contribute to the reduction in serious acquisitive crime
- To make recommendations for improvement, as appropriate

3. Information Required

- Context:
 - Local statistics
 - Demographics – local and national
 - Benchmarking data from comparable Local Authorities
- Baseline data:

National crime statistics

Local crime statistics

- Synopsis of various research documents and other published documents
- Evidence from expert internal witnesses
- Evidence from expert external witnesses
- Evidence from ward Councillors
- Best practice data
- Site visits
- Desktop research

4. Format of Information

- Officer reports/presentations
- Baseline data such as:
 - Performance data - National and Local Crime Statistics
Identified 'hotspots'

- Published reports (précis's) such as:
 - Environmental audits
 - SAC Evaluation documents
 - Strategic Assessment 2011/2012
 - Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2012/2013

- NBC – Leader of the Council evidence
- Evidence from Julie Seddon, the Chair of Community Safety Partnership
- Evidence from Mark Evans, Laura Mayor, Crime Prevention Manager, Chief Inspector Fay Tennet, Northants Police
- Evidence from Deborah Presbury, IOM Team, Northants Probation
- Evidence from Neighbourhood Wardens
- Evidence from the Head of Offender Management Services, Northampton Prisons
- Evidence from Dawn Wintle, Accident and Emergency, Northampton General Hospital
- Evidence from Victim Support
- Evidence from the Northampton Youth Forum
- Evidence from the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Evidence from Housing Services, Northampton Borough Council
- Evidence from Neighbourhood Management, Northampton Borough Council
- Evidence from Lynn Chapman, Sunflower Centre
- Evidence from ward Councillors
- Expert advice – Internal and external
- Best practice
- Witness interviews/evidence

5. Methods Used to Gather Information

- Minutes of meetings
- Desktop research
- Site Visits (if applicable)
- Officer reports
- Presentations
- Examples of best practice
- Witness Evidence:-

➤ Key witnesses as detailed in section 4 of this scope

6. Co-Options to the Review

- Sharon Henley, Architectural Liaison Officer, Northants Police, to be approached suggesting that she is co opted to this Review for its life.

7 Equality Impact Screening Assessment

- An Equality Impact Screening Assessment to be undertaken on the scope of the Review

8 Evidence gathering Timetable

May 2012 to April 2013

- Wednesday, 2 May 2012 - Scoping meeting
- Monday, 18 June 2012 – Evidence gathering
- Wednesday, 15 August 2012 – Evidence gathering
- Wednesday, 10 October 2012 – Evidence gathering
- Monday, 26 November 2012 – Evidence gathering
- Thursday, 10 January 2013 – Evidence gathering/approval final report
- -Monday, 4 February 2013 – If required
- Thursday, 21 March 2013 – If required
- Monday, 8 April 2013 – If required

Various site visits will be programmed during this period if required.

Meetings to commence at 6.00 pm

7. Responsible Officers

Lead Officer Steve Elsey, Head of Public Protection

Co-ordinator Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

8. Resources and Budgets

Steve Elsey, Head of Public Protection, to provide internal advice.

9 Final report presented by:

Completed by 8 April 2013. Presented by the Chair of the Panel to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

10 Monitoring procedure:

Review the impact of the report after six months (December 2013)