

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

Wednesday, 9 May 2012

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mackintosh (Chair); Councillor Caswell (Deputy Chair);  
Councillors Eldred, Hadland and Markham

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Bottwood.

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### 3. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

### 5. ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

#### 5.A OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT: SCRUTINY PANEL 2: INDEPENDENT LIVING STRATEGY

Councillor Marriot as the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny introduced the Chair of Scrutiny Panel 2: Independent Living Strategy - Councillor Mason. He stated that there had been a lot of interest in the report which had received positive publicity and that the report had also been presented at conferences. Councillor Mason commented that the report had been very in depth and had taken over 8 months to compile, with evidence having been gathered from a variety of sources, including the council's Pensioners Forum, Age UK Northamptonshire County Council and the Health Service. She emphasised that older people wanted to be part of the solution and that she would like to see Northampton as a good place to grow old. She stated that at the crux of the evidence of the findings was the need for joined up working with other agencies and partners and for this purpose a co-opted member had sat on the panel.

The Leader thanked Councillor Mason for her work and concurred that there was a need for co-operative working with other agencies to achieve the most positive outcome.

#### RESOLVED:

Cabinet noted the contents of the report.

#### 5.B OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT: SCRUTINY PANEL 1: HATE CRIME

Councillor Marriot as the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny introduced the Chair of Scrutiny Panel 1: Hate crime- Councillor Glynane. Councillor Glynane commented that this had been another good piece of scrutiny work which echoed the cross party working mentioned by Councillor Mason. He commented that the Council had been proactive with regards to the training of front line staff in recognising and dealing with people who were victims of Hate Crime. It was noted that the Council produced a report annually, which identified areas that

where the Council were performing well and where necessary improvements had been made. He also suggested that consideration be given to endorsing a Councillor who would act as a Hate Crime Champion who would work alongside the Councils Safeguarding Group.

The Leader expressed his appreciation of the work that had been undertaken by the panel and agreed that cross party collaboration was necessary in progressing. He reported that he had written to the Leader and Chief Executive of Northamptonshire County Council to address the issues laid out in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

Cabinet noted the contents of the report.

**6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Chair moved that the public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that there was likely to be disclosure to them of such categories of exempt information as defined by Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 as listed against such items of business by reference to the appropriate paragraph of Schedule 12A to such Act.

The Motion was Carried.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm