



## **NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

#### **SCRUTINY PANEL 1– SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME, VIOLENT CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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#### **Supplementary report to Scrutiny Panel 1 Regarding Neighbourhood Wardens**

A copy of the job description for the Neighbourhood Warden is attached (Appendix 1). It can be seen that key result areas include the provision of a uniformed high profile presence in the communities that they serve and liaison with the Police over a range of issues.

The content of the training received by the wardens as part of the accreditation process is outlined on the attached Training Verification Form (Appendix 2). Some of this training is now carried out in house and some is provided in association with Northants Police.

The Powers available to Accredited Persons are listed on the attached document (Appendix 3) and the wardens have enforcement powers under the following legislation in their role as NBC enforcement officers:

- Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Local Government Act 1972
- Local Government Act 2003
- Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
- Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978
- The Crime and Disorder Act 1988
- The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003
- Vehicle Crime Act 2001

There is not a formal programme of refresher training for wardens but they are briefed on changes in legislation as they occur. Regular team meetings are held where good practice is shared and guest speaker attend to give information on their role. Recent topics discussed have been the Hate Crime Protocol and Dangerous Dog Legislation.

The briefing note produced for the meeting on 10 October was written following a round table discussion with all of the Neighbourhood Wardens and they have been consulted on the contents of this note.

Ruth Austen  
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