



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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

4th February 2013

BRIEFING NOTE: SITE VISIT – NORTHAMPTON YOUTH FORUM – RESPONSES TO FURTHER QUESTIONS

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Two members of the Northampton Youth Forum (NYF) attended the last meeting of this Panel and provided a response to the core questions. It was agreed that it would be useful for the NYF to obtain response from young people to two further questions :

In your view, how can we better prevent crime which affects young people? This includes work by Agencies, such as the Police and the Council.

What can young people do themselves to help prevent them falling victim to crime?

- 1.2 It was agreed that responses to these two questions would be provided to the February meeting of this Scrutiny Panel.

2 Information

- 2.1 The Northampton Youth Forum compiled a questionnaire and distributed it amongst its members. This is a self-selecting sample of a small number, sixteen young people, providing a snap shot of views, rather than a detailed piece of research.

- 2.2 A mix of responses were received and the main themes have been précised as detailed below which included:

In your view, how can we better prevent crime which affects young people? This includes work by Agencies, such as the Police and the Council.

Provision of facilities, such as Youth clubs for 16-21 year olds
Better lighting
More visible Police Officers

Curfew
More cameras
Personal alarms
Stricter punishments for crimes

What can young people do themselves to help prevent them falling victim to crime?

Education from Agencies
Greater parental involvement
Better engagement with available facilities for young people
Greater attention to personal safety
Awareness of the risks

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information gathered from the Northampton Youth Forum be used to inform the Panel's evidence base.

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