

# **SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – IMPROVING THE TOWN'S PARKS**

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## **DRAFT CORE QUESTIONS – EXPERT ADVISORS**

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a Review looking at improving the town's parks and is focussing on improving community engagement within the town's parks. A series of key questions have been put together to inform the Panel's evidence base.

- Which park do you use most often and why?
- Which of the facilities provided in the town's parks are used the most?
- What facilities and services do you feel would bring people into parks that might otherwise not use them?
- Do you feel there are any barriers that stop people from using the town's parks?
- What other services do park users want from the town's parks?
- Are you aware of, and do you use, a local play area in your neighbourhood? Do you know how well this is used and why do you think this is?

It is initially proposed that Park Management Committees are established in Abington Park, Delapre Abbey and the Racecourse, however it is suggested that this initiative is extended further if there is strong evidence of community support. It is proposed that membership of Park Management Committees will be drawn from elected Members, representatives from key community groups (including Friends Groups) and members of the public who are recognised as being active in each of the parks.

- Who should be a key representative on the new Park Management Committees and why?
- In your opinion, what should be the key roles of the Park Management Committees?