

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **Draft**

1.1 The purpose of the Scrutiny Panel was:

- To undertake a review regarding implementing a 'Keep Northampton Tidy' campaign with an accent on preserving wildlife and encouraging children (and adults) to take an interest in their surroundings, to include Community Clean Ups and 'Northampton in Bloom.'
- A review of the problem of littering and fly-tipping, particularly in un-adopted roads and the gateways into the town.
- To explore opportunities to enhance the gateways into the town.

1.2 The required outcomes being:

- To substantially raise people's awareness and appreciation of keeping Northampton tidy and their role in this
- To continue to get community groups involved in keeping Northampton tidy
- To ensure that existing limited resources are utilised fully to raising people's awareness and appreciation of keeping Northampton tidy and their role in this
- To identify areas that have a detrimental effect on the image of the town
- To work with other Agencies to minimise fly-tipping and littering and discourage this taking place, as well as enhancing the gateways into the town

1.3 Following approval of its work programme for 2014/2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting in April 2014 commissioned Scrutiny Panel 3 to undertake the review – Keep Northampton Tidy.

1.4 A Scrutiny Panel was established comprising Councillor Tony Ansell (Chair); Councillor Sivaramen Subbarayan (Deputy Chair); Councillors Penny Flavell, Mick Ford, Phil Larratt, Matt Lynch, Dennis Meredith and Winston Strachan. Vanessa Kelly, Executive Officer, Northamptonshire Waste Partnership, was co-opted to the review.

1.5 An in-depth review commenced in May 2014, concluding in March 2015.

## CONCLUSIONS AND KEY FINDINGS

A significant amount of evidence was heard, details of which are contained in the report. After gathering evidence the Scrutiny Panel established that: -

**To be added when the report is finalised**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The above overall findings have formed the basis for the following recommendations: -

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Scrutiny Panel 3 recommends to Cabinet:

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