

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY



SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – THE IMPACT OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON THE TOWN

CORE QUESTIONS – EXPERT ADVISORS

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a review investigating the impact of anti-social behaviour on the town

Key lines of Inquiry:

- To investigate the levels of anti-social behaviour in the town, such as tackling psychoactive substances, alcohol, littering (including chewing gum), graffiti, fly-tipping, street urination and dog fouling
- To consider the nature of the psychoactive substances market and any health consequences
- To review the policies and strategies for dealing with the impact of anti-social behaviour in the town
- To consider the paper/Bill that is currently being drafted by the Home Office to address the issue of psychoactive substances
- To identify the prevention strategies that can help to address anti-social behaviour on the town
- To identify 'hotspots' of the impact of anti-social behaviour on the town
- To consider the enforcement powers that the Council and other Agencies has in respect of anti-social behaviour
- To consider how Northampton Borough Council can work in partnership with local groups, Agencies, organisations and residents to reduce and prevent the impact anti-social behaviour has on the town

The expected outcomes of this Scrutiny Review are:

- To make informed recommendations to all relevant parties on methods to deal with anti- social behaviour on the town

CORE QUESTIONS:

A series of key questions have been put together to inform the evidence base of the Scrutiny Panel:

1. Please provide details of your organisation and its role in addressing anti-social behaviour
2. What Strategies and Policies do you have in place for addressing anti-social behaviour?
3. What specific practices and measures do you currently undertake to address/tackle anti-social behaviour?
4. Do you have specific budget/resources/funding in relation to addressing anti- social behaviour, if so please provide further details.
5. Are the current partnership arrangements for tackling anti-social behaviour sufficient, and if not where are the gaps?
6. Do you feel there is adequate co-ordination between Agencies regarding dealing with anti-social behaviour? If not how could it be improved?
7. How does anti-social behaviour impact upon you/organisation?
8. What do you think could be done to ensure effective strategic and operational links are made to tackle anti-social behaviour, or improve, on a town scale?
- 9 Please provide details of the enforcement powers that you have in respect of anti-social behaviour
- 10 Do you have the resources to enforce the powers that you have? Please explain.
- 11 Do you have information regarding the nature of the psychoactive substances market that you are able to inform the Scrutiny Panel of?
- 12 Please can you provide details of any health consequences of using psychoactive substances
- 13 Do you have any suggestions on how, as partners, we can improve our approach in addressing anti-social behaviour?

- 14 What do you think is the key contributing factor to anti-social behaviour across Northampton?

- 15 Do you have further information regarding the impact of anti-social behaviour on the town of which you would like to inform the Scrutiny Panel?