EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Scrutiny Panel was to investigate 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 antisocial 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 required outcomes were to make informed recommendations to all relevant parties on methods to deal with anti-social behaviour on the town

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its work programming event in June 2015, agreed to include a review of the impact of anti-social behaviour on the town. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 2 to undertake the review. An in-depth review commenced in July 2015 and concluded in March 2016.

The Scrutiny Panel was made up of Members from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Dennis Meredith (Chair); Councillor Phil Larratt (Vice Chair); Councillors Jamie Lane, Brian Oldham, Zoe Smith and Graham Walker; together with other non-Executives Councillors Tony Ansell, Anamul Haque (Enam).

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: -

Add conclusions when the report is finalised

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

The purpose of this Scrutiny Panel was to look at how partners locally, including the private sector, can work together to influence the local economy.

Scrutiny Panel 1 recommends to Cabinet :

Add recommendations when the report is finalised