

Foreword

The objective of this Scrutiny Review was to investigate the impact of anti-social behaviour on the town

The Scrutiny Panel was made up from members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: myself, Councillor Phil Larratt (Deputy Chair); Councillors Rufia Ashraf, Jamie Lane, Brian Oldham, Zoe Smith and Graham Walker together with other non-Executive Councillors Tony Ansell, Anamul Haque (Enam).

The Review took place between July 2015 and March 2016.

It was a very interesting and informative Review; with clear evidence received. I thank all those who gave up their time to attend a meeting of the Scrutiny Panel to provide this information and all those who provided comprehensive written evidence.

The Scrutiny Panel held interviews with the Cabinet Members, Senior Staff at Northampton Borough Council and a number of external expert witnesses. Desktop research was carried out by the Scrutiny Officer.

The result is a piece of work, which recommends to Cabinet a number of improvements to dealing with anti-social behaviour on the town. I highlight that from the wealth of evidence received it became apparent that addressing anti-social behaviour is not just the responsibility of one Agency, but several and one that requires a partnership approach.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in this piece of work.



Councillor Dennis Meredith

Chair, Scrutiny Panel 2 – Impact of Anti-Social Behaviour on the Town

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