

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**



**SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – FOOD POVERTY**

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Written address from Councillor Danielle Stone

Please see my contribution to the food poverty discussion.

1. NBC is a Living Wage Foundation Living wage employer. It needs to take the next step and make it a contractual obligation for its contractors.
2. Holiday hunger is about children not being able to access a hot meal during the school holidays. It is a real, material deprivation.
3. Food poverty does not sit on its own. Many households, with children, cannot use food bank food because they cannot cook- because they have no cooker, or no fuel, or no pots- or none of these. Poverty goes very deeply over time, eroding all resources. Some poverty is more visible than others. Households with children are not particularly vulnerable and are particularly vulnerable.
4. BAME communities are not well served by food banks. Often their dietary needs are not met at all.
5. By the county councils own figures 16-18,000 children in Northampton are living in poverty.