

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

STREET SCENE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

- To review poor performance on the collection of abandoned cars.
- To review the new legislation, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment -to dealing with problems of side waste and litter left following refuse collection and whether appropriate resources are available.

2. Outcomes Required

- To recommend the introduction of methods to improve the poor performance on the collection of abandoned cars.
- To report how the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 will impact on this Council.
- To recommend the introduction of methods to deal with problems with side waste and litter left following refuse collection.

3. Information Required

- Key objectives of the ELVIS partnership
- Briefing on the new legislation, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- Baseline data for abandoned vehicles, including: -
 - Hotspots
 - Seasonal trends
 - Best practice external to Northampton
- Councillors, Residents Associations and Parish Councils' reports
- Briefing on Housing Landlord obligations regarding side waste on perceived problem areas of abandoned cars within their wards
- MORI Survey
- Comparison of local street scene surveys undertaken in October 2005 and October 2006

4. Format of Information

- Officer reports/presentations
- Baseline data
- Best practice external to Northampton
- Published reviews on street scene and abandoned vehicles
- Existing surveys
- Witness interviews/evidence

5 Methods Used to Gather Information

- Minutes of the meetings
- Desktop research
- Examples of best practice
- Witness Interviews/evidence:-
 - Portfolio Holders
 - ELVIS partnership representative
 - Councillors
 - Parish Councillors
 - Residents' Associations
 - Neighbourhood wardens/PCSOs
- Benchmarking against other Local Authorities, including the other six Councils in the county.
- Press release

6. Co-Options to the Review

Mr K Ingleson
Ms E Percival

7. Evidence gathering Timetable

November 2006 to March 2007

28 November 2006	- Scoping meeting
18 December	- Evidence gathering
23 January 2007	- Evidence gathering
20 February	- Evidence gathering
15 March	- Finalise Chair's report

8 Responsible Officers

Lead Officer	Carl Grimmer
Co-ordinator	Tracy Tiff

9 Resources and Budgets

T Spiezick, Street Care and Environment Manager Manager, and P Hackett, Waste Services Manager, to provide support and advice.

10 Final report resented by:

Completed by 15 March 2007. Presented by the Chair of the Task and Finish Group to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 March 2007 and then to Cabinet.

11 Monitoring procedure:

