

**Norwich City Council**  
**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**ITEM 6**

Report for meeting to be held on 11 October 2018

## **The impact of Operation Gravity and organised crime in Norwich since 2016**

**Summary:**

The 20 September scrutiny meeting looked at the impact of Operation Gravity and organized crime in Norwich since 2016. Operation Gravity is a police-led enforcement operation intended to combat the 'County Lines' model of drug supply. County Lines is the police term for urban gangs supplying drugs to suburban areas and market and coastal towns using dedicated mobile phone lines or "deal lines".

**Conclusions:**

Members will need to refer to the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September and may wish to consider the points below.

**Recommendation:**

To ask members to formulate recommendations following the discussion on 20 September. Members may wish to consider the following points:

- How intelligence gathered from staff and contractors around County Lines activity could be packaged and shared with partners
- Whether licensing policy and procedures are capturing County Lines activity as a specific issue
- How information is made available to ward councillors
- The creation of a brief for front line staff, contractors and local businesses on County Lines activity
- The specific role of contractors in intelligence gathering.

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