

## **Antisocial Behaviour Topic Review**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Following on from work done by the Safer Communities Commission during the previous municipal year, the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board resolved to consider how anti-social behaviour in the Normanton area could be tackled and see what lessons could be learnt for other parts of the City.
- 1.2 In November 2013 the Neighbourhoods Board received a presentation from the Senior Partnership Development Officer – Knowledge and Intelligence, together with the Head of Service – Safer Communities, on behalf of the Strategic Director of Resources. The presentation profiled an overview of problems experienced in Normanton; the types of incidents and perceptions of anti social behaviour.
- 1.3 The board identified gaps in the data; the identity of complainants and their motives for reporting an incident, for example, remained unknown. The board recognised that the omission of such intelligence did not create a complete picture. Furthermore, the board noted that relevant statistics, such as the population, were based on figures collected in 2007. The partnership awaited the release of the 2011 census results.
- 1.4 The board discussed stage two of the review and suggested the involvement of members of the community, together with local councillors, to identify the instances of anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that communication with local schools and community groups would provide a useful insight. The board felt that data collected by Streetpride and local police officers would also be of assistance.
- 1.5 After a further discussion with the Chair of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board, and the Head of Partnerships and Communities, it was decided that 'stage two' of the 'Antisocial behaviour in Normanton' topic review needed to be more focused and innovative in order to achieve deliverable outcomes. This report outlines how we hope to achieve this.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To comment on the proposed revised methodology for stage two of the topic review.

- 2.1 To agree a methodology for stage two of the topic review.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that the antisocial behaviour topic review progresses in a way in which the Board can achieve useful and deliverable outcomes.
- 3.2 To ensure that members are in agreement with a revised methodology and the proposed timescales for delivery and completion of the review.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 4.1 **Proposed methodology - Stage 2**

As determined in Stage one of the report, and as we have seen in the Strategic Intelligence Assessment, anti-social behaviour (ASB) continues to be one of the most important issues impacting on our communities, and as such it remains a high local, political and strategic priority within the city.

- 4.2 In order to determine why and how individuals become involved in anti-social behaviour, it is important to understand their backgrounds, and the path that their lives have taken from birth to adolescence and through into adulthood to try and determine the causes of their behaviour.
- 4.3 The Head of Partnership and Communities will work with Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Probation Trust to identify individuals that would be willing to actively take part in process mapping to try and identify 'key events' at which intervention may have reduced the likelihood of the individual developing anti-social tendencies. It is hoped that we will be able to enlist the help of 2-3 individuals in this process, to try and determine any patterns between 'key events', and work with partners and services to identify any gaps in service provision. It is envisaged that at this stage we would be able to investigate the current service provision and identify potential future interventions to help reduce anti-social tendencies developing in individuals in the future, and the impact of anti-social behaviour on our communities.
- 4.4 Once we have determined the potential causes of anti-social behaviour in individuals, we want to understand the effects of this behaviour, how this can be prevented, and when we can stage interventions. We intend to do this by gathering information from various sources, including:
- 4.5
- Ward Councillors – Arboretum, Normanton and Abbey,
  - Neighbourhood Boards and Neighbourhood Managers
  - Community and Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP),
  - Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire Fire Authority
  - Streetpride,
  - DCC Youth Service,
  - Community representatives and community groups,
  - Community Organisers,

- Education, schools, and youth services
- Children's services
- Drug and alcohol teams
- Health services.

4.6 Once members have had a chance to process the evidence collated, key witnesses will be called to help the Board identify any recommendations to help achieve the review objectives.

#### 4.7 Timing and Timescales for the Review

12 March 2013	Board to approve/amend stage 2 scope of topic review
March 2013 -June 2013	Stage 2 – Identify willing individuals, develop process maps and identify patterns between key life events and behaviour change.
June 2013 – July 2013	Stage 2 – Collection of data and evidence. Arrange and complete witness interview sessions. Make recommendations.
August 2013	Report write-up
03 September 2013	Draft Topic Review report and recommendations to Board.
4 October 2013	Council Cabinet

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Philip O'Brien – Statutory Scrutiny Officer Andy Thomas – Head of Partnerships and Communities
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Legal**

- 2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.
- 2.2 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires local authorities to establish a crime and disorder committee with powers to review or scrutinise decisions of responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report

**Property and Asset Management**

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 This report contributes to the following Council objectives:
- Feeling safe and being safe.
  - A strong community.
  - Good health and well-being.

