

Review of Anti Social Behaviour in Normanton - Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its July 2011 meeting the Commission agreed 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. This report outlines progress made and future timescales for the review.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Officer discussed with Mike Kay, Head of Environmental Health and Licensing about the time period over which we will be looking to collect data. It was decided that we will collect records of all issues reported for the relevant wards over a 12 month period, to produce data over a directly comparable time period. This should even out any seasonal issues.
- 1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Officer met with Craig Keen, Partnership Manager, Community Safety and City Centre, and Ben Meakin, Multi-Agency Gangs Team Manager to discuss the collection of data and evidence. The following issues were raised:
 - The geographical area should be well defined, and should take into account boundaries for other relevant data, such as beat boundaries.
 - Landlord issues should be taken into consideration – addressing issues to do with poor or neglectful landlord regimes would address many anti-social behaviour problems such as fly-tipping, night-time noise and garden fires.
 - Inconsiderate parking issues should be included.
 - Issues around street-workers should be considered.
 - Some categories of data or incident may be grouped together. For example the Police will record all incidents of rowdy and noisy behaviour in the same category as threatening, drunken or yobbish behaviour.
 - We need to be aware of possible ‘double-counting’ of data from the Council and the Police.
 - The Policing Priorities for the area should be considered. These have been defined through the Neighbourhood Forums.
- 1.4 Revised timescales:

It was agreed by Commission at the last meeting to carry over this review into the new municipal year. As the composition of the Commission may change following the local elections, timescales will need to be formally agreed at the first meeting of the Commission in June. However the proposed timescales are:

- Soft data collection - contact Neighbourhood Forums, Ward Councillors, community representatives and community groups – June 2012.
- Hard data collection and analysis from council officers, Community and Neighbourhood Officers, Derbyshire Fire Service and Derbyshire Police – June/July 2012.
- Consideration of evidence and draft recommendations – August/September 2012.
- Agree recommendations and report to cabinet – September/October 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the contents of the update report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The keep the Commission updated on progress and timescales of the review.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 At its meeting 18 January 2012 meeting the Commission agreed that to have a full, meaningful and useful review of anti social behaviour, this review could be carried across to the next municipal year.
- 4.2 Members agreed the scope for the review at the 18 January Commission Meeting and in addition noted that it is important to recognise that the review must take into account the cultural differences that exist in Normanton, that do not exist in other parts of the city.
- 4.3 Members have requested that once the review is complete, the Commission must put forward recommendations and devise an action plan.
- 4.4 The Commission requested updates on progress as a standing item for future meetings.
- 4.5 Members highlighted that any messages and conclusions resulting from the review should be handled sensitively.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Philip O'Brien – Head of Democratic Services
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal

2.1 None directly arising from this report.

Personnel

3.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Health and Safety

5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Asset Management

7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 This assessment contributes directly to the being safe and feeling safe outcome.

Scoping Report

Proposed Topic Review: To undertake review of antisocial behaviour in Normanton.

Background

At the Safer Communities Commission meeting of the 20 July 2011, it was 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'.

The Review

Aims and Objectives of the Review

The review will have the following aims and objectives.

Aim of the review

- 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'.

The objectives of the review

1. To explore the current antisocial behavioural issues in the Normanton area and build a profile through the collation of hard and soft data from Council Officers, and partner organisations such as Derbyshire Constabulary.
2. Identify current issues through receiving evidence from:
 - Ward Councillors,
 - Neighbourhood Boards,
 - Community and Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP),
 - Derbyshire Constabulary,
 - Streetpride,
 - Youth Service,
 - Neighbourhood Manager,
 - Community representatives and community groups,
 - Ward Councillors – Arboretum, Normanton and Abbey.
3. Identify gaps in efforts to tackle antisocial behaviour and make recommendations to bridge these gaps in service provision.
4. Share experiences and outcomes with other neighbourhoods.

Proposed methodology

The Commission will use information gathered from data sources and witnesses as the basis for the evidence gathering for the review along with other research carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny officer as required.

Witnesses

A series of witnesses can be called to give evidence to the Commission on this issue.

These include;

- Council Officers,
- Ward Councillors,
- Neighbourhood Board Members,
- Community and Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP) Officers,
- Derbyshire Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs),
- Neighbourhood Manager,
- Community representatives and community groups,
- Ward Councillors – Arboretum, Normanton and Abbey.

What evidence do we need to consider?

- Ward profiles have been developed by the Intelligence Team of the Policy, Research and Engagement Division which cover a range of statistics. The Commission may also look at issues such as:
 - rowdy, noisy behaviour in otherwise quiet neighbourhoods,
 - night time noise from houses or gardens, especially between 11.00 pm and 7.00 am,
 - threatening, drunken or 'yobbish' behaviour,
 - vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting,
 - dealing or buying drugs on the street,
 - litter and fly-tipping rubbish,
 - aggressive begging,
 - drinking in the street,
 - setting off fireworks late at night,
 - abandoned vehicles.
- Soft data – recorded and anecdotal evidence on anti-social behaviour from witnesses.

- Current projects and schemes in place to prevent or reduce anti-social behaviour.

Timing and Timescales for the Review

18 January – Commission asked to approve the scoping report

March – to carry out witness interviews and gather all relevant evidence

March/April – to agree recommendations and the Overview and Scrutiny Officer to write draft report

17 April – Commission to agree final report and to send to Cabinet

Demands on Overview and Scrutiny Members

The review could be carried out either by the full commission or by forming a sub group. If it is a small sub group then it is suggested that these Members are drawn from across the Political Parties.

It is anticipated Interviews of witnesses take ½ a day

Evaluation of evidence and agreeing of outline recommendations will take approximately ½ a day.

Approval of reports etc will be carried out as part of the Commissions scheduled meetings or through special meetings as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

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