

Draft Proposed Topic Review: To undertake a review of antisocial behaviour in the Normanton and Arboretum areas of the city

Background

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.

The Review

Aims and Objectives of the Review

The review will have the following aims and objectives.

Aim of the review

To work in partnership to identify the most common causes of anti-social behaviour occurring in the Normanton area of the city (Normanton and Arboretum wards) and consider how these causes can be tackled and prevented from spreading to other parts of the city.

The objectives of the review

1. To explore the current causes of antisocial behaviour in the Normanton area and build a 'problem profile' through the collation of hard and soft data from Council Officers, and partner organisations such as Derbyshire Constabulary.
3. Investigate the potential causes of antisocial behaviour, and research the impacts of potential measures or solutions which could assist in preventing or mitigating against the causes of anti social behaviour.
4. Investigate how to communicate with communities through their values, research the impacts of potential measures and suggest solutions to promote community cohesion and cultural integration.
5. Make recommendations to Cabinet and Council Officers to tackle antisocial behaviour and promote community cohesion, with particular reference to communities and cultures in the Normanton area of the city.
6. To feed into the development of the Community Cohesion Strategy being developed by the newly formed Community Cohesion Leadership Group.

Proposed methodology

The review will be carried out in two stages. The first stage will be to collate data and form a 'problem profile' on the current situation and causes of antisocial behaviour in Normanton/Arboretum.

Stage 1

The Board will work closely with the Council's Partnerships and Communities Team to build a problem profile of the area through the collation of data from various sources and partner organisations. This problem profile will be presented to the Board at the meeting of Tuesday 06 November 2012.

Stage 2

The Board will consider the Stage 1 report and identify what further evidence needs to be collated. It is likely that further anecdotal evidence will need to be gathered from:

- Ward Councillors – Arboretum, Normanton and Abbey,
- Neighbourhood Boards,
- Community and Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP),
- Derbyshire Constabulary,
- Streetpride,
- Youth Service,
- Neighbourhood Manager,
- Community representatives and community groups,
- Community Organisers.

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.

Witnesses

A series of witnesses can be called to give evidence to the Board on this issue. Possible witnesses include:

- Cabinet Members for Housing and Advice; Planning, Environment and Public Protection; and Neighbourhoods and Streetpride.
- Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods
- Service Directors for Safer and Stronger Communities and Environment and Regulatory Services.
- Heads of Service and lead officers
- Housing Inspectors
- Street Wardens
- Community representatives/Community leaders
- PCSOs/Police Officers
- Neighbourhood Managers
- Ward Councillors
- Private Sector Landlords

Timing and Timescales for the Review

September 25 2012	Board to approve/amend scope of topic review
September - November 2012	Stage 1 - Data collection and information gathering.
November 06 2012	Stage 1 – summary report to Board. Agree further work to be done on collecting data and evidence.
November- December 2012	Stage 2 – Collection of data and evidence. Arrange and complete witness interview sessions. Make recommendations.
January 2013	Write up review.
January 29 2013	Draft Topic Review report and recommendations to Board. Sign off report prior to March Council Cabinet.
4 March 2013	Council Cabinet

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