

Review of Anti Social Behaviour in Normanton Scoping Report

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 seeks to agree the objectives and the programme for the review.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To consider and agree the scoping report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Commission needs to be clear about what it wants to achieve from the review.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 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'.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

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Background papers:
List of appendices:

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None
Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Scoping Report

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

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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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