

Report of the Chief Executive

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTION PLAN 2021 - 20231. Purpose of report

To advise Committee and seek approval for the new Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Action Plan 2021 - 2023.

2. Detail

Considerable action is taken by officers within several departments of Broxtowe Borough Council to deal with cases of anti-social behaviour. This behaviour can take various forms and includes issues such as noise nuisance, bonfires, dog fouling, fly tipping, and graffiti, amongst others. This work complements that undertaken by Nottinghamshire Police. Broxtowe Borough Council organises and hosts the Broxtowe Anti-Social Behaviour Panel which involves partner agencies meeting on a monthly basis to problem solve cases which require multi agency involvement and take decisions on appropriate action/s and the Complex Case Panel which identifies support for vulnerable victims.

The Police continue to deliver OPERATION LARKSPUR in Stapleford and the Stapleford and Beeston and Eastwood Action Plans also deliver projects which reduce ASB. Both the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and Broxtowe Youth homelessness have recently started mediation services and over the summer school holiday period the Healthy Activities and Food Project has been delivered providing diversionary activities for young people through events, these will be repeated over the Christmas school holiday period.

During the pandemic year-on-year reductions previously seen in Broxtowe were reversed due to a combination of:

- The recording of COVID-19 breaches as ASB.
- Changes in the complex dynamics between neighbours during lockdown when residents including children, were unable to leave their homes and needed to find ways of occupying their time.
- Difficulties in accessing substance misuse and mental health services.

ASB has a detrimental effect on the mental health of victims and is increasingly caused by the poor mental health of offenders or is perceived by victims due to their poor mental health. The delivery of the Mental Health Action Plan is key in supporting mental health for both victims and offenders.

The action plan is complementary to the:

- Stapleford and Beeston Action Plan
- Eastwood Action Plan
- Violence Action Plan
- Hate Crime Action Plan
- Litter/Fly Tipping/Graffiti/ Dog Fouling Action Plans

A copy of the revised Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan for 2021/23 is attached at the appendix and includes ASB data.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan 2021-2023 be approved.

Background papers: Nil.