

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PROTOCOL AND REVISED ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY1. Purpose of Report

To recommend to Cabinet the adoption of an anti-social behaviour protocol and revised anti-social behaviour policy following discussions at the Policy Overview Working Group

2. Recommendation

The Policy Overview Working Group RECOMMEND to Cabinet that the protocol set out in appendix 1 be adopted and the existing Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be amended as set out in APPENDIX 2 and APPENDIX 3.

3. Detail

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has coordinated meetings of an anti-social behaviour taskforce to produce an agreement across Nottinghamshire to clarify roles and responsibilities between agencies for the reporting and delivery of anti-social behaviour to ensure consistency of practice across the County.

This work will assist victims in reporting ASB to the correct agency or department, prevent incidents being reported to multiple agencies causing confusion both in the response and communication with victims and prevent double counting of incidents for reporting purposes.

It is planned that the Police and District Councils will all use this document to raise awareness of what is and isn't anti-social behaviour, managing the expectations of victims and informing victims of the correct reporting procedures and possible outcomes.

The protocol is nearing completion and District Councils have been asked to commit to signing up to the agreement in readiness.

The agreement provides guidance to districts and sign up does not compel districts to implement the agreement beyond current resources.

The proposed partnership agreement and roles and responsibilities protocol attached to this report as **APPENDIX 1**. **APPENDIX 2** is the Council's Anti-social behaviour policy which has been amended to align with the Agreement and roles and responsibilities protocol, appendix 3 is a change table which shows the changes to the original policy which have been made.

In its discussions the Policy Overview Working Group proposed amendments to the section in the policy relating to anonymous complaints; suggested an

additional reference to the ability to report anonymously to crime stoppers and requested the wording relating to victims and perpetrators experiencing severe and multiple disadvantage be strengthened. These changes have been reflected in the revised policy in **APPENDIX 2**.

4. Key Decisions

This is a key decision.

5. Financial Implications

There are no additional financial, legal or data protection implications in signing up to the agreement and protocol.

6. Legal Implications

The discharge of existing statutory obligations mean that the Council already has to ensure compliance with these matters.

7. Human Resources Implications

There are HR implications purely from the point of view of clarifying roles and responsibilities of Council officers and responsibilities of partner agencies.

8. Union Comments

There were no comments received

9. Climate Change Implications

There were no comments received.

10. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information. There are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment

There are some equalities implications from the point of view of ensuring that specific consideration is given to the mental and physical health and vulnerabilities of victims and perpetrators Anti-social behaviour is sometimes targeted at those with protected characteristics so having a robust clear and up to date policy ensures that victims can be better protected and behaviour dealt with as required.

12. Background Papers

Nil