

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

New Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review Policy

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval of a new policy for Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Case Reviews, formerly known as Community Trigger.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Cabinet to RESOLVE that the new ASB Case Review Policy be approved.

3. Detail

The Community Trigger was introduced in the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. However, government guidance was issued in 2023 changing the name of the process to ASB Case Review.

The purpose of the ASB Case Review is to give victims and communities the right to request a review of their case where no action has been taken by agencies to resolve the issue. It is the local authority's responsibility to manage the ASB Case Review process but requests can be made in respect of cases managed by relevant bodies, including the police and social landlords.

When a request to use the community trigger is received, agencies must work within eligibility criteria which means they have to decide if a pre-determined threshold of three complaints in the last six months regarding the same case have been made, so long as the first complaint was made within one month of the alleged anti-social behaviour taking place.

An ASB Case Review will be undertaken by the partner agencies. Agencies will share information related to the case, review what action has previously been taken and decide whether additional actions are possible.

The ASB Case Review Policy, attached at **Appendix 1**, sets out the approach the Council will take and includes the following as appendices to the policy: the application and consent form, the process flow chart for agency information and the panel's terms of reference. The ASB Case Review Data is provided at **Appendix 2**, and an equality impact assessment is provided at **Appendix 3**.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not Applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications to consider with all actions being contained within existing budgets.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The legal implications are set out in the report. The case review is a process which allows members of the public to ask their local agencies to review responses to incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The Trigger was introduced through the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to help ensure that agencies are working together to resolve incidents of anti-social behaviour that are affecting resident's quality of life. This is achieved by appropriately sharing information between agencies, reviewing the actions that have been taken and using available resources to try and reach a solution or make recommendations that will hopefully prevent the situation from reoccurring.

8. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Head of Human Resources were as follows:

This report has no HR implications.

9. Union Comments

This report has no Union implications.

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

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

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is a new policy an equality impact assessment is included in the appendix to this report.

13. Background Papers

Nil.