

COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 SEPTEMBER 2010

RESPONSE FROM CABINET – 21 JULY 2010

POLICY REVIEW –STUDY INTO ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

JOINT REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE PORTFOLIO
HOLDER FOR SAFER CITY

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP3 SAFE CITY

CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services,
CIO4: Improving Partnership Working to Deliver 'One City'.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide feedback from the Cabinet meeting held on 21 July 2010, which considered the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee's Policy report into Anti Social Behaviour.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The investigation into Anti Social Behaviour conducted by the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee falls under the remit of the Office of the Chief Executive and is, within the service area covered by the Safer City Portfolio Holder.
- 2.2 On 21 July 2010, Cabinet considered the Final Report of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee into tackling Anti Social Behaviour. This report provides feedback from the Portfolio Holder following the Cabinet's consideration of, and decisions in relation to this Committee's recommendations.
- 2.3 Following on from this report, progress towards completion of the actions will be monitored through the Action Plan, with standardised six monthly monitoring reports to be presented to the Committee.

3. RESPONSE FROM CABINET TO THE POLICY REVIEW

- 3.1 Following consideration of the Final Report, Cabinet approved the recommendations in their entirety. Details of each recommendation and proposed actions to be taken following approval by Cabinet are provided in the Action Plan attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.2 Cabinet commended and congratulated the Committee and its officers for their hard work in undertaking the policy review and additional work.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members note the proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan, appended to this report (**Appendix A**) and seek clarification on its content where felt appropriate.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

(i) Cabinet Agenda, 21 July 2010.

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Appendix A

Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee Anti-Social Behaviour Policy Review recommendations 09/10

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
1.	That the comments and recommendations of the Anti Social Behaviour Policy Review be incorporated into the forthcoming SSP Anti Social Behaviour Strategy;	Finalise Delivery Plan to include partner comments and contribution. Seek endorsement from SSP Board at April 2010 meeting.	ASB Delivery Group (ASB Strategy Manager)	01/05/2010	Comments from ASB Policy Review incorporated within Delivery Plan. This was endorsed by SSP Board at meeting on 30 April 2010
2.	That the Safer Sunderland Partnership considers the options for a more unified system of data capture, particularly across the housing sector, in order to improve the response of partners to ASB;	Seek a more unified system of data capture across the partnership to include partner response to ASB. This is to include requirements in relation to victims of ASB, and the Challenge and support ethos.	ASB Delivery Group (ASB Strategy Manager)	01/12/2010	The Home Office have indicated that they are to develop a case management system nationally. Further information is awaited. Gentoo are in the process of developing a unified system which includes requirements in relation to victims of ASB, and the Challenge and support ethos. A presentation has already been provided to the ASB Delivery Group with a view to seeking buy in from partners in the housing sector. The system is also being developed to enable interface with police systems.

3.	That the Safer Sunderland Partnership investigates how it might better identify potential victims of anti social behaviour	Agencies supporting victims of ASB to be asked to provide victim profile data for inclusion in future PSIAa. Police are working with partners to implement a system to protect, reassure and empower vulnerable victims of crime. Use of a case conferencing approach being considered for high risk victims of ASB	ASB Delivery Group (Victims Champion)	01/12/2010	SSP have a Victims Champion who is carrying out an assessment of victim issues in relation to ASB. Gentoo Victim Support service has shown to have a 62 percentage point improvement on improving feelings of safety for victims at the close of the case. Funding has been allocated for an additional Victim Support Worker to be based in the Council's ASB Unit to work with victims of ASB in the private rented and owner occupied sectors.
4.	That the Safer Sunderland Partnership reviews the enforcement measures available to partners and provides staff with guidance on the powers currently available for tackling ASB	Knowledge on use of tools and powers needs to be refreshed and suitable guidance and training for staff to be put in place during 2010-11	ASB Delivery Group (ASB Strategy Manager)	01/12/2010	ASBO protocol updated by Legal Services. New legislation relating to Drink Banning Orders in place and being utilised. Training to be developed.
5.	That the City Council and its partners investigate options for improving the enforcement of environmental ASB and combat issues such as graffiti, litter and fly-tipping;	Service Delivery on priorities to be reviewed pending Street Scene Transformation/ restructure. Greater emphasis to be placed upon responsive local services, to ensure swifter reporting and sorting of issues backed up by feedback to the community on enforcement taken.	Assistant Head of Environmental Services	01/12/2010	Environmental Services representatives are now included as core representatives on all LMAPS. The Council's environmental services staff reporting line is now operational and staff have an enriched role to 'look, report and sort'.

6.	That partners investigate ways of expanding the operation of the Phoenix project in order to help tackle areas experiencing higher levels of ASB fires	YOS and TWFRS to assess if additional referrals could be sourced for the project from those areas experiencing higher levels of ASB fires.	ASB Delivery Group (TWFRS – JW, YOS)	01/12/2010	To be explored
7.	That partners investigate the potential of expanding the operation of the XL Village concept throughout the city	Weekend youth work to be targeted in ASB hotspot areas (via local data and survey findings)	XL Villages Strategy Group (YDG Assistant Manager)	01/12/2010	XL Youth Village is being rolled out across the City. A mobile provision is also being developed to provide additional outreach support to those more inaccessible areas.
8.	That partners investigate the potential of introducing improved security on buses and explore the potential of the youth work pilot working with young people.	Partners investigate the potential of introducing improved security on buses and to examine youth worker engagement with youths in bus shelters to involve them in alternative activities.	ASB Delivery Group (Nexus, YDG Assistant Manager)	01/12/2010	To be explored
9.	That the City Council and its partners consider the extension of the CCTV monitoring system subject to the availability of resources.	Make full use of CCTV technology to tackle ASB in public spaces to deter, aid detection and support prosecutions.	CCTV Steering Group (Security and Emergency Planning Manager)	Ongoing	The SSP are in the process of securing £40,000 of capital funds to support this. Protocol for 3G Camera deployment developed and cascaded to LMAPS. CCTV review and action plan produced