

COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

POLICY REVIEW - ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR- EVIDENCE GATHERING

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

9 FEBRUARY 2010

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To receive further evidence as part of the Committee's study into the work being taken by the Safer Sunderland Partnership into tackling anti social behaviour in the city.
- 1.2 To outline and confirm arrangements for a Committee visits to be undertaken during February 2010.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 15 June 2009, the Committee agreed to pursue a review of the measures being taken to tackle anti social behaviour in the city.
- 2.2 It was suggested that the following areas be included within the study:-
 - (a) To gain an understanding of approaches of Council and its partners in tackling anti social behaviour and ensure that strategic approach is being taken;
 - (b) To map service provision to identify hotspots or any gaps in provision
 - (c) To examine the issue of underage drinking (note - Childrens Services Review Committee scrutinised Alcohol and Young People in 2008/09)
 - (d) Strengthen the environmental services connection with LMAPS
 - (e) To consider the balance between preventative and enforcement action
 - (f) Developing activities and interventions for young people and families that helps meet their needs
 - (g) Look at perceptions of anti social behaviour (Local Area Agreement)
 - (h) Progress of Local Multi Agency Problem Solving Groups

3 Current Position

- 3.1 As part of the evidence gathering process, Mr Alan Scott, Operations Manager, Youth Offending Service will provide a brief presentation on the Challenge and Support Project and other initiatives targeting diversionary activities for young people. Members will have the opportunity to question Mr Scott on the contribution by such schemes to tackling anti social behaviour in the city.

- 3.2 The Committee will also hear evidence from Norma Johnson, Assistant Head of Environmental Services on the work of Enforcement Team in dealing with anti social behaviour in the city.
- 3.3 The Committee is also advised that a number of visits have been arranged in relation to the study:-

11.00am on Wednesday 17 February 2010 - visit to the City Centre and East Area Police Teams. The purpose of the visit is to discuss with the Police their approach to dealing with anti social behaviour within the city. Chief Inspector Carol Parkes, Inspector Neal Craig and Inspector Mark Ord will be in attendance.

5.00pm on Friday 12 February 2010 - visit to the Winter Weekend XL Village Event being held at Red House Academy, Sunderland. The purpose of the visit is to discuss and view the innovative work going on to engage young people in positive activities and help reduce the incidence of anti social behaviour.

- 3.4 Members have previously received correspondence on the arrangements for the visits and further details will also be provided at the meeting.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the evidence submitted as part of its study into anti social behaviour together with the proposed visits.

5. Background Papers

Safer Sunderland Strategy

Anti Social Behaviour Strategy (draft 2009)

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