

Bolsover District Council

Healthy, Safe Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee

5th October 2018

Anti-Social Behaviour Policy Review - 2018

Report of the Joint Head of Service, Housing and Community Safety.

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To seek members views on the reviewed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 Officers have completed a review of the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and the draft is attached as an Appendix to this report. This was last reviewed in 2013.
- 1.2 The new policy reflects changes in legislation and in particular the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which came into effect in October 2014. The policy aimed to reinforce the legislation and Government guidance has been published. The Council aims to make the best use of the tools that are available in tackling ASB.
- 1.3 The policy is intended to provide clarity of the Council's role, responsibilities and approach in addressing anti-social behaviour. It confirms the Council's purpose and operating principles, how we work with partners and what the Bolsover community can expect.
- 1.4 The Councils approach to tackling ASB is itself innovative, within the Council a range of departments are involved including;
 - Housing
 - Community Safety
 - Environmental Health
 - Planning
 - Legal Service
 - Street Scene
- 1.5 This approach ensures that ASB activities are fully integrated with the other functions of these services, but allows officers to work together when appropriate, in particular when addressing more serious issues.
- 1.6 In the wider context, the work of the Council in working with partners is regarded as an exemplar within Derbyshire. Officers work well with a range of agencies, this

includes not only the Police and Fire Brigade, but others such as Adult Care, Children's Services and the Voluntary Sector who other authorities find more difficult to engage with.

- 1.7 The policy recognises that the Councils approach to tackling ASB needs to be flexible. This approach is based on adopting an outcome based approach, i.e. a desired outcome is identified at the start of the process and officers will consider the best 'tools' to achieve this outcome. This is in contrast with more traditional approaches which are more procedural
- 1.8 Linked to this, the policy also recognises the need for clear communication with victims of ASB and to ensure that their needs are fully taken into account. This includes ensuring that people are kept informed of their 'case', but can be equally important in managing expectations.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The changes introduced as a result of the review of the ASB Policy bring the policy up to date and ensure that it remains fit for purpose.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 This revised policy has been developed with a number of officers in different department including Housing & Community Safety and Legal Services.
- 3.2 There has been a detailed equality impact assessment carried out on this version on the policy and this has now been signed off.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 None, there is a statutory requirement for the council to have an appropriate Policy that addresses Anti-Social Behaviour.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 None directly.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 Legal Services have been fully involved with the development of this Policy. Information sharing is fully covered within the Policy

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 Not directly.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members note the updated Anti-Social Behaviour Policy (2018).

6.2 That Members recommend that the updated Anti-Social Behaviour Policy is adopted by the Executive.

7 Decision Information

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</p>	Yes
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	Yes
<p>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</p>	Yes
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	All
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	<p>Aim: Supporting Our Communities to be Healthier, Safer, Cleaner, Greener Priority: Working with partners to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</p>

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
7.1	Anti-Social Behaviour Policy 2018
<p>Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
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Report Reference –