

**Safer and Stronger Communities
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

21 April 2022

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Strategic
Group**



**Report of Alan Patrickson, Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods
and Climate Change**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the first meeting of the re-established ASB Strategic Group.

Executive summary

- 2 At the Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) board meeting on the 18th November 2021, it was agreed that the ASB Strategic Group would be re-established. The group's first meeting was on 3rd March 2022.
- 3 The report provides an opportunity for Members to receive an overview of the ASB Strategic Group priorities and work areas.

Recommendation

- 4 Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
 - (a) Note information contained within the report from the ASB Strategic Group and comment accordingly.

Background

5 At the SDP board meeting on the 18th November 2021, it was agreed that the ASB Strategic Group would be re-established. The group's first meeting was on 3rd March 2022.

6 The aims of this re-established group are to:

- Provide strategic leadership and direction, co-ordination and oversight for the Safe Durham Partnership's response to anti-social behaviour across County Durham.
- Deliver the strategic outcomes under the Safe Durham Partnership Plan that promote being safe and feeling safe in your community specifically focusing on the work area of anti-social behaviour.
- Ensure the actions of the group positively impact on residents and the wider communities in:
 - being and feeling safe and that those actions improve their emotional and physical wellbeing.
 - improving personal resilience and overall community's resilience, confidence and cohesion.

7 Some examples of the objectives of the group are listed below:

- To hold partners to account in acting cohesively to ensure implementation of agreed actions, resources and achievement of key priorities to improve ASB outcomes.
- To develop a multi-agency ASB Strategy and action plan and ensure that the community have been consulted about the priorities and actions to be undertaken.
- To develop an agreed local definition of Anti-social Behaviour that will ensure the key areas that impact the communities within County Durham are addressed.
- To oversee and scrutinise the operational delivery of ASB sub groups and task and finish groups, ensuring that duplication is minimised.
- To provide oversight of the work of the MAPS (Multi-agency Problem Solving) meetings, CASBRAC (Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference) and Case Review Panel, ensuring appropriate partner representation on these groups.

- To ensure the community trigger process is effective for victims and to receive updates on any community triggers, ensuring that any strategic actions identified are addressed.
- 8 The group will be chaired on a 2 yearly rotating basis on an agency level basis. Joanne Waller, Head of Community Protection Services, DCC will initially chair the group, with the two Police representatives taking a dual vice chair role.
- 9 The sub-group will meet on a 2 monthly basis initially and move to quarterly when new processes are embedded.
- 10 Membership consists of Senior Management level representation from:
- Various relevant service areas in DCC
 - Probation
 - Durham Constabulary
 - Office of the PCC
 - Voluntary and Community Sector
 - Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service
 - Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Registered Social Landlords forum nominated representative
 - ASB Sub-group/Task and finish group chairs when required
- 11 The agenda for the first meeting focussed on governance including the:
- ASB Strategic Group Terms of reference
 - Governance of ASB sub-groups
 - ASB Performance & Data Task & Finish Group
 - ASB Strategy update
 - CASBRAC/MAPS/Case Review Panel update
 - Community Trigger
- 12 The group agreed:

- (a) There is senior level buy in across the Partnership to the ASB Strategic Group and the operational commitment to partake in Multi Agency Problem Solving Groups (MAPs) and Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conferences (CASBRAC) and will look to reduce duplication across the system.
- (b) The PCC's office is undertaking a review of the Community Trigger to ensure there is clarity for members of the public on how to activate this, as well as ensuring the process is effective for victims.
- (c) Through specific operational activities, look at disrupting those who cause anti-social behaviour e.g. quad bike confiscations carried out under Operation Endurance.
- (d) To develop and have oversight of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy, which will form the basis for a review of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan Priorities around ASB.
- (e) To establish a task and finish group to ensure that the focus of the group is around the issues that really matter to County Durham residents by agreeing the data sets used and the performance framework for ASB.
- (f) To consider the Home Office ASB Plan but keep it relevant for Durham and incorporate into the ASB Strategy and ensure links are created with the national group.

Main implications

Crime and Disorder

- 13 Information within this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Safe Durham Partnership Plan to reducing crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour.

Conclusion

- 14 The report provides an opportunity for Members to receive an update on the work of the newly re-established ASB Strategic Group and feed into the relevant processes.

Background papers

- [Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2021-25](#)
- [County Durham Vision 2035](#)

Other useful documents

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Duty to consider crime and disorder implications.

Finance

None.

Consultation

Consultation will take place on the developing Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None.

Human Rights

None.

Climate Change

None.

Crime and Disorder

Information with this report provides an overview of the newly re-established ASB Strategic Group, a sub group of the Safe Durham Partnership and the actions agreed from the discussion items within the agenda to help positively impact on Crime, Disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour within the County.

Staffing

None.

Accommodation

None.

Risk

None.

Procurement

None.