

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

**12 December 2022**

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



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**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 ongoing work of the ASB Strategic Group.

**Executive summary**

- 2 It was requested by Committee that a report be brought to every meeting on the progress of the work of the ASB Strategic Group.
- 3 The report provides an opportunity for Members to receive an overview of the ASB Strategic Group priorities and work areas and the development of the ASB Strategy.

**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 18 November 2021, it was agreed that the ASB Strategic Group would be re-established.

- 6 The group have agreed Terms of Reference and continue to meet every two months.
- 7 The aims of the ASB Strategic 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:
    - (i) being and feeling safe and that those actions improve their emotional and physical wellbeing.
    - (ii) improving personal resilience and overall community's resilience, confidence and cohesion.

### **Key Actions**

- 8 Since the last meeting of the ASB Strategic Group on the 28 September 2022 further consideration was given to a number of key areas for action including:

### **Governance Arrangements**

- 9 A review of the relevant sub groups currently reporting to the ASB Strategic Group has taken place and proposals to streamline the sub groups and provide greater focus on key strategic priorities.
- 10 The new governance arrangements were presented to the Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) on 25 November 2022 and it was agreed to repurpose the groups and refresh terms of reference around the proposed revised arrangements.
- 11 In particular, the SDP Board agreed the following proposals:-
- To remove the coastal ASB group from current the ASB Strategic group governance ensuring that there are ongoing linkages with the Local Mult Agency Problem Solving Group discussions.
  - To merge the Fly-tipping and Arson Suppression / Reduction groups.

- To remove the Durham City ASB Sub Group ensuring that there are ongoing linkages with the Local Mult Agency Problem Solving Groups.
- To maintain regular tasking and co-ordinating meetings.
- Realign the Data and Performance group to cover all aspects of performance for the SDP Board.

### **ASB Strategy**

- 12 The draft of the ASB Strategy was agreed by the SDP Board prior to the public consultation exercise.
- 13 A special session of the SS OSC to consider the details set out in the draft strategy was undertaken on 11 October 2022 and comments of the Committee have been included in the consultation feedback.
- 14 The consultation exercise ended on 13 November 2022. Following consideration of the outcome from the consultation by the ASB Strategic Group at their next meeting in December 2022, the final Strategy will be presented to the SDP Board on the 27 January 2023.

### **ASB Data and Performance Management**

- 15 The ASB Data and Performance Group continue to develop the ASB dashboards which are being used as both a performance and analytical tool by partners.
- 16 The data and performance dashboards for the period from September 2021 to August 2022 are provided in the presentation slides accompanying this report.
- 17 Work is ongoing to ensure that all partners have ready access to the tools available and that the data analysis and emerging trends are highlighted and reflected in local action/intervention plans.

## **Main implications**

*Crime and Disorder*

- 18 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**

- 19 The report provides an opportunity for Members to receive an update on the work of the 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**

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### **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.