

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

**27 February 2023**

**ASB Strategy 2022-2025**

**For Information**



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

**Electoral divisions affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To advise the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the final draft ASB Strategy for County Durham.

**Executive summary**

2. Following the special meeting of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11 October 2023 as part of the wider consultation exercise, it was agreed to present the final draft ASB Strategy agreed by the Safer Durham Partnership.
3. Appendix 2 to this report provides the final draft ASB Strategy for information.

**Recommendation**

- 4 Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the contents of this report for their information and agree to consider a further report on our outline delivery plan.

## Background

5. Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the responsible authorities (commonly referred to collectively as a Community Safety Partnership (CSP)) in a local government area to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area. In County Durham this is the Safe Durham Partnership.
6. The vision of the SDP is that 'Durham is a county where every adult and child will feel and be safe'.

In order to achieve this vision, the SDP has six strategic priorities the following of which relate to ASB:

- To support victims and protect vulnerable people from harm.
  - Reduce reoffending.
  - Promote being safe and feeling safe in your community.
7. To ensure that the Safer Durham Partnership can meet its aims and objectives it was agreed that a new Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Strategy was required so that all partners could agree as the approach for tackling ASB.
  8. The final draft ASB Strategy (Appendix 2) sets out its vision "Improving lives through tackling anti-social behaviour" and guiding principles on how we will work together to identify those issues that have the most impact on residents and visitors within County Durham.
  9. The ASB strategy provides a framework by which the SDP will work together to prevent and deal with ASB across County Durham whilst embracing the following 8 principles:
    - Working in Partnership
    - Champion the Victims' Voice
    - Provide the Best Victim Support
    - Provide Victim Centric Community Trigger & Community Remedy Processes
    - Implement Preventative Measures
    - To make full use of the tools and powers
    - Maximise use of digital technologies
    - An inclusive approach
  10. The ASB Strategic Group will be responsible for taking forward the approach identified in the strategy and for developing and committing to a

delivery plan that will help realise the full potential of this strategic approach.

11. Work will commence on the delivery plan over the coming months and it is proposed that this will be the subject of a future report to the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in due course.

## **Conclusion**

- 11 The development of the ASB Strategy has been led by a partnership group.
- 12 The strategy has been aligned to the Durham Police, Crime and Victims Plan and Safe Durham Partnership Plan.
- 13 The strategy is also aligned to the County Durham Vision 2035 and will be the delivery mechanism for some of the objectives which support the overall ambitions.

## **Background papers**

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) consider crime and disorder as part of their functions.

### **Finance**

Ongoing pressure on the public services will challenge all agencies to consider how best to ensure effective services are delivered in the most efficient way. Action plans will be developed to support the delivery of the strategy.

### **Consultation**

Details of consultation are provided in the report.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

A full Equality Impact Assessment is being carried out alongside the strategy.

**Climate Change** - There are no climate change implications.

**Human Rights** - There are no adverse implications.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Crime and disorder is the main focus of the report under the strategy.

**Staffing** - There are no staffing implications.

**Accommodation** - There are no accommodation implications.

**Risk** - There are no risk implications.

### **Procurement**

Commissioners will take account of the SDPP when procuring services aligned to community safety.

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## **Appendix 2: Draft ASB Strategy 2022 - 25**

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Attached as a separate document