

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

16 April 2024

**Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Strategic
Group Update – ASB Delivery Plan
2024-2025**



**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 including the final draft ASB Delivery Plan 2024-2025.

Executive summary

- 2 The report provides an opportunity for Members to receive an overview of the ASB Strategic Group priorities and work areas and implementation of the ASB Strategy.
- 3 The Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2022-2025 Vision – “Improving lives, through tackling anti-social behaviour” provides the framework by which the Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) will work together to prevent and deal with ASB across County Durham.
- 4 Following on from the publication of the ASB Strategy, the ASB Strategic Group were tasked by the SDP to develop the approach identified in the strategy and work is ongoing to develop a local ASB delivery plan to help realise the full potential of this strategic approach.
- 5 The ASB Delivery Plan 2024-25 will focus on the following key strategic themes:-
 - **Anti-social behaviour and crime which disrupts our communities (ASB)**

- **Hate crime and building community cohesion**
- **Sexual violence and other violent crime**

- 6 Since the last update report from the ASB Strategic Group, further work has been undertaken to develop the Theory of Change (ToC) document which has been revised to incorporate feedback from partners.
- 7 A special briefing session was held with members of the Safer and Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSOSC) on 15th February 2024.
- 8 In addition, in line with the rationale agreed by the SDP Board on 14th February 2024 have identified the key priority actions for delivery in the coming year.
- 9 The key priority actions contained within the Plan are linked to the underlying principles set out within our ASB Strategy and are presented in a 'plan on a page' format under three focus areas namely Partnerships, People and Places.
- 10 The proposed ASB Delivery Plan for 2024-25 (the Plan) was considered and agreed by the SDP Board on 14 March 2024 and will be implemented as from April 2024.
- 11 A presentation is attached in Appendix 2, outlining the proposed ASB Delivery Plan for 2024-25 and incorporates those key priority 1 actions identified by the ASB Strategic Group for inclusion within the ASB delivery plan.
- 12 In addition, performance dashboards and evaluation tools will be developed in line with these areas of focus and will provide a visual performance management data set which will be used to report on progress against the Plan.
- 13 A new reporting framework was also agreed by the SDP Board which includes performance reports being presented to the SDP every six months. Reporting twice during the year will enable us to track progress in a timely manner and review the ASB Delivery Plan on an annual basis in time for the next fiscal year.
- 14 It is proposed that as from April 2024, the ASB update reports will be presented to the SS OSC from the ASB Strategic Group every six months in line with the performance management framework agreed by the SDP Board.
- 15 Performance data around ASB will continue to be provided quarterly to the SS OSC within the Council's Performance Management Report.

Recommendation

- 16 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
 - (b) Consider and agree to the proposed arrangements for receiving ASB update reports and performance management reports as from April 2024

Background

- 17 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.
- 18 The Durham County Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 2022-2025 supports the Vision – “Improving lives, through tackling anti-social behaviour” and provides the 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

Theory of Change (ToC)

- 19 The ToC has been updated to reflect recent feedback from partners and is available to all ASB Strategic group members through the shared MS Teams site.
- 20 Work will continue to challenge and strengthen the ToC through regular review and testing of our assumptions as we implement the ASB Delivery Plan 2024-25.

Priority Action Planning

- 21 Priority actions have been ranked by the ASB Strategic Group based upon the following rationale:-
- Priority 1 - Tasks and projects that yield the best results in the least amount of time
 - Priority 2 - Bigger projects that'll may take longer or require additional investment but have high impact
 - Priority 3 - Tasks and projects that have low impact

ASB Delivery Plan 2024-25

- 22 A presentation has been prepared to provide an overview of the ASB Delivery Plan 2024-25 (see Appendix 2) and actions are presented in a 'Plan on a Page format' around Partnerships, People and Places.
- 23 It is proposed that only those Priority 1 Actions are included for delivery within the ASB Delivery Plan 2024-25 and implemented as from April 2024.
- 24 Each action will have an identifiable organisational lead / sub group owner who will provide key deliverables and target timescales prior to implementation. It is recognised that the delivery times around these actions needs to be realistic and as such may extend beyond the calendar year.
- 25 In addition, it is expected that any 'business as usual' and 'time limited projects will continue to be delivered. Monitoring progress and performance around these ongoing commitments will be incorporated within our performance management reports.

Performance Monitoring and reporting

- 26 Quarterly ASB incident data will continue to be provided to the ASB Strategic group to assist with action planning and priority setting throughout the year.
- 27 Performance dashboards and evaluation tools will be developed as the ASB Delivery Plan is implemented. These will focus on the three key areas Partnerships, People and Places to complement each 'Plan on a Page'.
- 28 It is proposed that performance reports are presented to the SDP Board every six months to track progress against the plan.

This will allow time for reflection and review of performance over the year and inform the ASB delivery plan actions for the year ahead.

Conclusion

- 29 The ASB Strategy and ASB delivery plan will support the delivery of the overarching community safety plan for County Durham and will be used by partners to achieve the vision of ensuring that 'Durham is a county where every adult and child will feel and be safe'.

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- 30 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

- [Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [Promote being safe and feeling safe in your community \(countydurhampartnership.co.uk\)](https://countydurhampartnership.co.uk).
- [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

The ASB Strategic group will continue to engage in consultation on the development of any local strategies and action/delivery plans as well as government proposals around tackling anti social behaviour.

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.

Appendix 2

Attached as a separate document