

REPORT TO: Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 16th March 2010

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Health and Community

SUBJECT: Anti-Social Behaviour Minimum Standards of Response

WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Policy and Performance Board on the introduction of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) minimum standards as a pioneer area.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) The report be received and noted.
- (2) The policy and performance board raises any issues regarding the introduction of the minimum standards.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Home Office expects that every Crime and Justice Pioneer Area will agree and publicise local minimum service standards for tackling anti-social behaviour. These standards will vary from area to area, but at a minimum should cover a commitment from partners to:

- Reduce perceptions of ASB year on year
- Take reported cases of ASB seriously; recording, investigating and keeping victims informed of action taken
- Provide regular information to residents on what action is being taken in their area
- Offer support and practical help to victims of ASB
- Ensure an effective link between neighbourhood policing and neighbourhood management
- Provide residents with a right to complaint to (Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRPs) / Community Safety Partnership (CSPs) if effective action is not taken by local agencies through existing channels.

3.2 The standards will then form part of an education and marketing campaign for residents, community groups, front line staff, local members, Police Community Support Officer's and housing providers.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

5.1 None associated with this report

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None

6.4 A Safer Halton

This new set of measures will help to improve the way local partners deal with anti social behaviour in Halton

6.5 Urban Renewal

None

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

None

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 None under the meaning of the act