

Minutes of Anti-Social Behaviour Topic Group – Draft ASB Strategy

Held on Wednesday 14th February 2007 at 12midday

Runcorn Town Hall, CR1

Present: Cllr John Stockton (Chair), Cllr Geoffrey Swift, Clare Myring, Cllr Martha Lloyd-Jones, Howard Cockcroft, Cllr Pamela Wallace

Item	Details	Action
1	<p>Apologies Alex Villiers, Cllr Linda Redhead, Cllr Sue Edge, Cllr Margaret Ratcliffe</p>	
2	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour Draft Strategy (Clare Myring)</p> <p>Claire distributed copies of ASB in Halton slide presentation.</p> <p>Together Campaign (updated version) links to Respect Action Plan www.respect.gov.uk</p> <p>3 main strands for Halton's ASB Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent and deter • Protect and punish • Rehabilitation. <p>Group has concerns over people identifying ASB and Crime, different perceptions (i.e. vandalism).</p> <p>Data being collected to identify hot spots (usually around town centres), criminal damage, youth disorder, fires, etc.</p> <p>Chair noted on Protect and Punish (slide 10) Tackling anti-social behaviour on estates ... asked why only on estates, to be amended.</p> <p>All RSL's have agreed to sign up to the Strategy. Each already have an ASB part of their tenancy agreements, but Claire is hoping to have one single agreement and is currently working with RSL's. Looking at warning letter to be on yellow paper, then a red letter. Chair suggested traffic light system and asked to see a copy of Enforcement of Tenancy Agreements. Group agreed terminology needed to be clear and precise, to be hand delivered by PCSO, possibility to use Council courier service?</p> <p>Rehabilitate – make people aware of consequences of their actions, then offer support and help through relevant services, give families opportunities and chances, don't want them to lose their home.</p> <p>Top 5 Local Problem results for 2006 due February 2007, Agencies will look at, Claire to forward to the Group. Top 5 for 2005 in ascending order Litter, Youth disorder and Inconsiderate parking, dog fouling and drinking alcohol.</p> <p>Community Involvement – looking to pilot community champions in Halton's Neighbourhood Management Areas at first, who could liaise with/on behalf of the general public, group supported. Protocol already developed for residents to sit on NM Board with elected member. Clare to follow up with Nick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CM</p>

	<p>Mannion and look at a proposal paper to go to PPB via ASB Topic Group first in 4-5 weeks.</p> <p>Concerns with victim and witness support - looking at options, a lot of people wish to remain anonymous, more people may come forward if given a choice.</p> <p>Action Plans (to be condensed down) – Key principles; Prevent and deter, Protect and punish, Rehabilitation. No baseline information, so difficult until further down the line, review action plan in 6 months.</p> <p>Issues and Gaps – Transport team to be included on Action Plan. Splash (intervention programme, along with others) not mentioned in Strategy. Clear milestones and outcomes with collection of data for evidence.</p> <p>Consultation sessions - confirmed the 4 page leaflet to be for community and young people. Agreed with strands, would like to see enforcement. Need better facilities, services delivering, with no overlapping more intervention and utilise people with skills. Prioritise; Litter, Alcohol, Neighbours, Young people.</p> <p>Next steps Review from consultation sessions, meeting with David Parr, Dave Bertenshaw on 23rd February 2007. Draft to Executive Board 15th March 2007. Provisional Launch on 2nd April 2007.</p> <p>Group asked for out of hours contacts, felt should be in a position to have someone available between the amount of Agencies, Halton Direct Link 24/7? Concerns over terms and conditions.</p> <p>Chair gave a list to Claire and asked for any other comments to be given to Claire by Friday 16 February 2007, (to meet timeline). Chair asked if Halton will have a code of conduct?</p>	
	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 28th February 5.00pm Civic Suite RTH (refreshments available)</p>	