

CABINET – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Report of the Scrutiny Commission

ITEM 8 CORPORATE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND HATE INCIDENT POLICY 2021-25

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Incident Policy 2021-25.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Heads of Landlord Services, Neighbourhood Services and Regulatory Services.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. Members praised the Corporate Anti-social Behaviour and Hate Incident Policy 2021-2025 and acknowledged the diverse and comprehensive range of issues covered within it. It was anticipated that the policy would improve the experience of victims and those supporting victims, by making information more accessible.
- ii. It was suggested that the contact information on reporting incidents as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, be made available in leaflet form for easy distribution to members of the public.
- iii. Members stated that they would be interested in seeing the conclusions of the internal ASB review, which aimed to develop a co-ordinated and targeted approach to ASB work.
- iv. The policy was inclusive of the work of a number of services at the council, namely Landlord Services, Neighbourhood Services and Regulatory Services. More detail on the response to ASB within these individual services was outlined in service level procedures.

- v. The 'minor' amendments referred to in the recommendation to Cabinet would be considered by the relevant Head of Service in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.
- vi. The Council worked in collaboration with partner organisations and completed risk assessments in order to determine the vulnerability of perpetrators. Support and mediation were available through the Council.
- vii. The Council was committed to protecting the privacy and personal information of members of the public and would not relay this information to members if it was not appropriate.
- viii. An Anti-Social Behaviour training pilot had been trailed by a number of Councillors. This training was commended and members found it to be advantageous in their role. It was suggested that all members received the training.
- ix. The Housing Associations working in partnership with the council were required to have an anti-social behaviour policy in place and the council maintains effective and close working relationships with these organisations.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Scrutiny Commission Minute 30 2021/22, 13th
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