

POLICY REVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 24th March, 2009

36 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT

The final report of the working group's review into Anti-Social Behaviour was submitted. The group made the following recommendations:

1. That the Council seeks to promote and publicise all the work it undertakes (and in conjunction with partner agencies) to address anti-social behaviour to try to counter the mismatch in public perception regarding levels of anti-social behaviour and its actual occurrence. That such publicity should be co-ordinated through the Council's Communications Section and to include a prominent display of the anti-social behaviour reporting contact details.
2. That the Council seeks to engage more actively with young people to help prevent and address the negative perceptions that are sometimes associated with young people. That the Council build on existing links with schools and the youth services to organise a Youth Conference for young people.
3. That the council and its partner agencies explore opportunities to organise inter-generational events, bringing together young and older people in order to foster greater community cohesion and to help change people's perceptions.
4. That Leisure Services extends further its use of leisure facilities during school holiday periods in and around neighbourhoods where anti-social behaviour is deemed to be a problem and investigate the inclusion, where possible, of any identified perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.
5. That the Council in conjunction with Nottinghamshire County Council, consider providing a greater variety of youth activities e.g. the 'arts' (i.e. music and dance), in addition to sports type activities to help divert young people away from anti-social behaviour.
6. That the Public Protection Section extends the Council's CCTV scheme throughout all areas of the Borough (including rural areas) where anti-social behaviour is identified as being problematical.
7. That when any major Capital developments are planned in the Borough i.e. shopping developments or licensed premises- that the implementation of CCTV is considered to help prevent and address any potential anti-social behaviour.
8. To raise the profile of the Neighbourhood Warden scheme and to maintain or extend the number of Neighbourhood Wardens.
9. That all Neighbourhood Wardens continue to receive specialist training to enable them to have a dedicated remit in compiling and presenting evidence in terms of anti-social behaviour.

10. That all Gedling Borough Council Elected Members are offered a briefing session about work and role of the local Neighbourhood Watch and that the Chair and Secretary of the AANWS are invited to assist with this awareness raising event.

11. That Elected Members receive a regular quarterly up-date on anti-social behaviour within the Borough and that feedback on any schemes initiated to address anti-social behaviour is also reported. That in addition, an annual report outlining the cost to the borough of anti-social behaviour be circulated.

12. That the Council works more closely with neighbouring authorities to help facilitate a greater sharing of information about the parameters of ASBO's and to encourage liaison about dispersal areas especially when these occur on and around the borders of the various local authorities.

RESOLVED:

That this report and its recommendations are passed onto Cabinet for consideration for implementation.