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<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>Director of Community Services</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>Sue Haslett (5924)</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Anti-social Behaviour Policy &amp; Procedures</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:HCS07</b>

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 Members to accept and adopt the Leisure and Community Development Department's Anti-social Behaviour Policy and Procedures.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To inform Members of the Anti-social Behaviour Policy and Procedures and to seek their acceptance of the documents.

### **3.0 Detail**

3.1 Anti-social behaviour is key concern for the community of South Derbyshire. The authority is committed to reducing and tackling such behaviour by responding firmly and effectively to complaints. However responsibility for tackling anti-social behaviour does not rest with one Council department.

3.2 Section 12 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced the new section 218A to the Housing Act 1996, which placed a requirement on all social landlords to prepare and publish statements and summaries of their policies and procedures in relation to anti-social behaviour. This has already been completed within the District.

3.3 However there was no legal requirement for procedures to be published in relation to the anti-social behaviour of owner-occupiers or private tenants. In order to provide an equitable service to all residents of South Derbyshire, this policy and procedures has been prepared. This area of work is the responsibility of the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership's Support Team which is based within the Leisure and Community Development Department. The establishment of a new policy and procedural document for this area will ensure that all complaints are dealt with in a fair and consistent manner.

3.4 The policy sets out the Support Team's principles, objectives and approach to anti-social behaviour. It categorises types of anti-social behaviour and also outlines the options available for tackling this behaviour.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership based within the department already has a budget available for tackling anti-social behaviour, which is held by the authority. This includes a contribution from the Council that will be used to deliver the policy and the procedures contained within it.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 The publication and delivery of the policy and the procedures contained within it will contribute to achieving many of the targets contained within the Corporate Plan. It will also ensure that the Council provides a more comprehensive service to the local community.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 The Policy will help to address anti-social behaviour throughout the District. It clarifies, for the community, as well as officers and members, the procedures that the Support Team will adhere to when dealing with any anti-social behaviour complaint. It establishes fair, open and readily understandable procedures that will be used to tackle all anti-social behaviour caused by owner-occupiers and private tenants.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Support Team already works very effectively in tackling anti-social behaviour throughout the District. This policy and the procedures within it will ensure that this continues and will also clarify the service standards which members of the public can expect.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

8.1 Leisure & Community Development Service Plan 2005/08

8.2 Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 2005/08