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REPORT FROM:	**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIY SERVICES**	**OPEN**
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SUBJECT:	**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY AND PROCEDURES**	**REF:**
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	**ALL**	**TERMS OF HCS07 REFERENCE:**

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members approve the new Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform members of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures document and to seek their approval of the document.

3.0 Detail

3.1. Anti-Social Behaviour is a key concern for residents of South Derbyshire and a priority for South Derbyshire District Council. The policy shows the commitment of the Council in reducing and tackling such behaviour.

3.2. The policy will ensure that all complaints are dealt with fairly and consistently with both preventative and enforcement methods being considered when tackling anti-social behaviour.

3.3. As witnesses are crucial in tackling anti-social behaviour, whether they are a direct victim or a resident who has witnessed an incident, the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures now contains information on how victims and witnesses are to be dealt with and supported.

3.4. An up to date and detailed section of tools and powers available to tackle anti-social behaviour in relation to both individuals and locations has been incorporated into the policy in line with current legislation.

3.5. The new procedure for implementing Acceptable Behaviour Contracts is detailed within the policy with additional sections on: how decisions should be made to progress contracts, the drafting of contract terms, effective monitoring and how to deal with non attendance at an Acceptable Behaviour Contract meetings.

3.6. The Policy and Procedures outlines the process for deciding upon and progressing stand alone Anti-Social Behaviour Orders through the multi agency Anti-Social Behaviour Tasking Group and the multi agency ASBO Progression meeting.

3.7. Guidance on publicising Anti-Social Behaviour Orders is now contained within the Anti- Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There will be no financial implications in relation to implementing the policy and procedures. The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership has an anti-social behaviour budget for tackling anti-social behaviour and undertaking enforcement action as detailed within the document.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1. The publication and delivery of the policy and procedures will contribute to achieving the four priorities that were identified through the strategic assessment, those being to reduce:

- Fear of Crime Violent Crime Criminal Damage
- Anti-Social Behaviour Acquisitive Crime.

5.2 In addition the policy will contribute to achieving many of the Safer and Healthier related targets contained within the Corporate Plan.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The Policy will help to tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour within South Derbyshire and reassure residents that all complaints of anti-social behaviour will be taken seriously and where evidence permits action will be taken by the Council. The policy makes clear to the community how anti-social behaviour is defined and what is already being done to tackle such behaviour.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures will ensure that the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership continues to tackle incidents of anti-social behaviour effectively making full use of both preventative and enforcement tools and powers available.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures 2009 (Annexe 1)