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SUBJECT:	CORPORATE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree and approve a new Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 This report presents a new Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour Policy for approval by Council.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The new Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy has been produced to inform residents of the commitment they can expect from the Council in relation to anti-social behaviour complaints. The draft policy is attached in appendix 1.
- 3.2 The policy sets out our approach to tackling ASB through prevention, enforcement and support for the victim. It provides detail on what ASB is, how victims can make reports of ASB and what enforcement action we can take. This document does not say how we will deal with ASB on a day-to-day basis. This is explained in our individual procedure documents.
- 3.3 There are a number of departments within the Council that lead on tackling different types of ASB. Each department has different legislation and tools and powers available to them to deal with ASB. Currently there is a number of different ASB Policy's in place across the Council which do not necessarily complement each other and do not offer a single Council commitment to dealing with ASB. This new Policy ensures that there is this consistency in terms of commitment across the Council. The policy provides information on the 'Victim's First' approach to dealing with ASB complaints which has been adopted by the Council and across Derbyshire.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 We recognise that the term 'Anti-Social Behaviour' covers a wide variety of behaviours and activities that affect different people in different ways which makes defining the term somewhat problematic. For the purposes of this policy, our definition of Anti-Social Behaviour reflects the definition found in the Crime & Disorder Act (1998) which defines Anti-Social Behaviour as:

“...acting in an anti-social manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the perpetrator”.

- 4.2 This policy provides information on the Derbyshire ASB Victims First Project which South Derbyshire District Council signed up to in 2014. The Victims First Project aims to:

- Ensure the victim is at the heart of our approach to tackling ASB.
- Provide a consistent multi-agency approach to the identification of vulnerable and repeat ASB victims.
- Improve the service for ASB victims, especially the most vulnerable.
- Improve ASB case management for victims and offenders through IT.

- 4.3 As part of the Derbyshire Victims First Project, South Derbyshire District Council has (along with the other District and Boroughs in the County) adopted the use of the E-CINS Case Management IT system to manage medium and high risk ASB victims and perpetrators in Derbyshire.

- 4.4 E-CINS is a secure, multi-agency, web-based case management system, which is used to manage medium and high risk ASB victims and perpetrators in Derbyshire.

Through the safe and secure sharing of information, partner agencies can work together to manage cases in 'real time' using E-CINS. There are a range of benefits, including:

- Identification of vulnerable ASB victims.
- Minimising the risk of harm to victims and providing appropriate support.
- Improved information sharing.
- Audit trail of information shared.
- Improved multi-agency working.
- Effective case management.
- Secure access to information.
- Improved staff safety.
- Recording agreed actions at case meetings.
- 24/7 access to offender management information eg: terms of ABCs, Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) and injunctions.
- Time savings.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications associated with this policy.

6.0 Corporate Implications

This policy will work towards delivering several aims within the Corporate Plan: PE2 Protect and help support the most vulnerable, including those affected by financial challenges; PE3 Use existing tools and powers to take appropriate enforcement action; PL3 Help maintain low crime and anti-social behaviour levels in the District and PL4 Connect with our communities, helping them to feel safe and secure.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 This policy will help deliver the following Community Strategy priority: 'More people feel safe and secure in their home and in the community, particularly those who are most vulnerable'.

8.0 Conclusions

- 8.1 This policy sets out the Council's commitment to reducing ASB, improving the quality of life for local people and reducing crime and fear of crime within our communities. We recognise that, left unchallenged, ASB can have a significant negative impact on the lives of our communities. This policy details our commitment to tackling ASB with our partners, putting victims first but ensuring we will use available tools and powers to deal with persistent offenders when required.

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 App1 - SDDC ASB Policy (Draft)

