REPORT TO: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AGENDA ITEM: 7

**SERVICES COMMITTEE** 

DATE OF CATEGORY:

MEETING: 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2009 DELEGATED/ RECOMMENDED

REPORT FROM: OPEN

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIY** 

**SERVICES** 

MEMBERS' DOC:

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SUBJECT: REF:

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY** 

AND PROCEDURES

WARD(S) TERMS OF HCS07

AFFECTED: ALL 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 antisocial 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)