

REPORT TO SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY BOARD

02 August 2018

Subject:	Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Safety and Crime in Sandwell
Cabinet Portfolio:	Councillor Elaine Costigan - Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board:

1. consider and comment upon the information presented on anti-social behaviour, community safety and crime in Sandwell.
2. determine if there are specific areas within the topics presented that it wishes to review in more detail.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 At its meeting on 5 June, 2018 the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board considered its work programme for the 2018-19 municipal year. It was agreed to hold a meeting themed around the connected topics of anti-social behaviour, community safety and crime.
- 1.2 Officers will attend the meeting to present information on these topics, answer questions from councillors and contribute to the Scrutiny Board's discussion.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 Tackling anti-social behaviour and crime, and improving community safety, contributes to making Sandwell a community where our families have high aspirations and where we pride ourselves on equality of opportunity and on our adaptability and resilience.
- 2.2 The partnership's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour, community safety and crime directly supports the ambition to build our communities on mutual respect and taking care of each other, supported by all the agencies that ensure we feel safe and protected in our homes and local neighbourhoods.
- 2.3 The partnership working that is fundamental to tackling anti-social behaviour, community safety and crime contributes to Sandwell having a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focused on what really matters in people's lives and communities.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Officers will present detailed information to the meeting on several issues and initiatives relating to anti-social behaviour, community safety and crime.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Information on the following topics will be presented to the meeting:-
 - implementation of Anti-Social Behaviour Policy;
 - implementation of West Bromwich Public Space Protection Order;
 - overview of initiatives around crime prevention;
 - vehicle-based anti-social behaviour – update.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 Anti-social behaviour, community safety and crime related topics were raised by the public as items for consideration by the Scrutiny Board through the public consultation exercise carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny function of the Council.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 If the Scrutiny Board does not consider the information presented to it then potential recommendations and actions to improve services would be missed.

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific strategic resources implications arising from this report.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 In relation to the topics presented, the council and its partners will operate within the legislative framework of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 No equality impact assessment is required for this report.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 No data protection impact assessment is required for this report.

11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- 11.1 The information presented at the meeting will address crime and disorder matters in detail.

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

- 12.1 There are no specific sustainability issues associated with this report.

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

- 13.1 Addressing crime and anti-social behaviour is key to improving wellbeing and strengthening a sense of safety amongst our communities.

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

- 14.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour can impact on property or land managed by the Council

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15.1 The Board is invited to consider the information presented to it and determine if there are more specific areas of interest that it would like to review in further detail.

16 BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 None.

17 APPENDICES

None.

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