REPORT TO: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AGENDA ITEM: 7

**SERVICES COMMITTEE** 

DATE OF 01 JUNE 2023 CATEGORY:

MEETING: RECOMMENDED

REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE OPEN

**DELIVERY**)

MEMBERS' CHRIS SMITH

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL ANTI-SOCIAL

**BEHAVIOUR POLICY REVIEW** 

WARD(S) ALL TERMS OF

AFFECTED: REFERENCE: HCS07

### 1.0 Recommendations

1.1 To agree and approve the reviewed Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy.

### 2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 This report presents the reviewed Corporate ASB Policy for approval by Council. The Council requires all Policies to be reviewed on a regular basis.

### 3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The policy sets out the Council's commitment to tackling ASB across the District.
- 3.2 The policy details the different types of ASB that the Council will deal with, how victims can make reports of ASB, what support they can expect, and the enforcement action which can be taken.
- 3.3 There are several service areas within the Council that investigate complaints of ASB, these are detailed within the Policy. Each of these service areas has different legislation and tools and powers available to them to enable them to deal with ASB.
- 3.4 This document does not say how the Council will deal with ASB on a day-to-day basis, each dept will have individual procedure documents that will detail this.
- 3.5 There have not been any legislative changes since the last review of the Policy, the changes in this policy are mostly additional sections required by the new Corporate Policy template. The main changes are as follows:
  - 4.0: Updates to current Corporate Plan vision, values and aims
  - 13.0: Roles and Responsibilities section added as per corporate template
  - 16.0: Performance & Monitoring section added as per corporate template
  - 17.0: Sustainability Impact Assessment added completed as per corporate template

## 4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this policy.

### 6.0 Corporate Implications

## **Employment Implications**

6.1 All service areas that deal with ASB have been consulted on the policy.

### **Legal Implications**

6.2 This revised policy has been reviewed by the Council Legal Dept.

### **Corporate Plan Implications**

- 6.3 This policy will work towards delivering several aims within the Corporate Plan:
  - Improve the environment of the District; Reduce fly tipping and litter through education, engagement and zero tolerance enforcement action where appropriate.
  - Enhance the attractiveness of South Derbyshire; Enhance the appeal of Swadlincote town centre as a place to visit. Improve public spaces to create an environment for people to enjoy.
  - Engage with our communities; Help tackle anti-social behaviour & crime through strong and proportionate action.
  - Supporting and safeguarding the most vulnerable; With partners encourage independent living and keep residents healthy and happy in their homes.

#### 7.0 Community Impact

#### Consultation

7.1 Only internal consultation is required for this policy.

### **Equality and Diversity Impact**

7.2 A preliminary EIA Assessment was completed, there were no negative impacts on any of the characteristics, therefore a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **Social Value Impact**

7.4 None

### **Environmental Sustainability**

7.5 Taking enforcement action against littering, fly tipping and smoke nuisance will have a positive impact on the environment.

## 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 and ensuring we will use available tools and powers to deal with persistent offenders when required.

# 9.0 Background Papers

9.1 SDDC ASB Policy