

TITLE OF REPORT: Anti-Social Behaviour Update – Tools and Powers/Tasking and Problem Solving

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Summary

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee will be presented with an update in relation to how anti-social behaviour is being tackled within Gateshead (including an overview of the statutory tools and powers that are used to protect victims and address offending behaviour. Committee will also receive details of local multi-agency Tasking and Problem Solving arrangements that are in place in the Borough to target hotspot locations and resolve ASB issues for local residents.

Background

As a reminder, the Community Safety Partnership has a statutory duty to work in partnership to address anti-social behaviour issues impacting on local communities – and we have, for a significant number of years, had strong and robust arrangements in place. In the past, Committee have been provided with reports/presentations on the effectiveness of the local Tasking and Problem Solving arrangements in reducing anti-social behaviour – and at the last Committee in October – scrutinised the work undertaken in relation to the introduction of the Public Space Protection Orders.

Presentation

The presentation will provide members with a further update in relation to how anti-social behaviour is being tackled within Gateshead and will focus on:

- The operational delivery models (including Neighbourhood Tasking and Problem Solving) that are currently in place;
- Overview of the ASB Tools and Powers that are being used within Gateshead to address ASB concerns/issues – including details of work that has taken place over the last twelve-months to help partners and Council services embed/further utilise these opportunities.
- Specific case study examples of how partnership working has been used to help solve problems for local residents. This will include specific work that was carried out by partners to address ASB in an estate in South Gateshead as well as highlighting the local interventions that are being deployed to help address the behaviour of complex and persistent offenders.

Recommendation

Committee are asked to:

- (i) Note the contents of the presentation/report;
 - (ii) Comment on and scrutinise the approaches undertaken locally to address anti-social behaviour, and
 - (iii) Agree to receive further updates at a future Committee.
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