

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 UPDATE

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an overview of the sub regional strategic approach to Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), including work undertaken in preparation for implementation of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in October.

Overview of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) approach to ASB

ASB Strategy Group

2. The ASB Strategy Group provides the strategic direction for ASB across the sub region. Members of the Group include senior officers leads for ASB from across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland from local authorities, fire service, police, housing providers and voluntary sector. The Group reports to the Strategic Partnership Board Executive.

Sentinel

3. The ASB Strategy Group and Sentinel Oversight Group are to merge to ensure the strategic links between ASB and Sentinel are further strengthened. Further work to engage Social Landlords and the Fire Service to adopt Sentinel will also continue.
4. It is proposed that a Task and Finish Group is set up to look at how ASB is managed across the partnership, including what the requirements are for effective sub regional case management. This Task and Finish Group will sit under the ASB Strategy Group and report back to the ASB Strategy group in January 2015.

ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014

5. The ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 has stream-lined the ASB toolkit reducing the number of orders from 19 to 6, so that the remedies are more flexible and faster at stopping ASB. The Act also focuses on giving better witness satisfaction and making agencies more accountable to witnesses and communities when agencies fail to act. The Act will come into force in October 2014.

6. The Government is expecting local areas to make local plans for implementation of the Act. In order to take this forward in Leicestershire a time limited Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ASB Bill Task and Finish Group was established.
7. In readiness for the Act, extensive work has been undertaken as follows:

Light Touch Review of the JAGs

- 7.1 A 'light touch' JAG review was undertaken to ensure that the Terms of Reference and Minimum Standards for JAGs are still fit for purpose.
- 7.2 The review found that fundamentally, all the JAGs across the County and Rutland are working well with good partnership representation at each meeting. Some key recommendations are:
 - All JAG Chairs should receive a briefing/training on problem solving and cessation of cases;
 - Training for all new JAG members to ensure they are clear about JAG expectations from the agency they represent;
 - Peer reviews for complex cases which have no clear resolution;
 - Paperwork to be disseminated at least 3 days prior to the meeting (this is in current minimum standards but is still not embedded across all JAGs);
 - Specific time slots for each case so there is not a requirement for partner officers to stay for the whole meeting;
 - Discuss top three repeat victims of Domestic Abuse from the locality;
 - Update the Minimum Standards and Terms of Reference so they ensure core standards, but still enable local flexibility and variance.

Review of the Incremental Approach

- 7.3 The purpose of the Incremental Approach is to provide partner agencies across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland with an operating protocol. This provides a consistent response to perpetrators and victims when dealing with legal and non-legal interventions relating to ASB management.
- 7.4 The Incremental Approach has been revised to ensure it is in line with the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014; all previous legal sanctions have been removed and replaced with the new powers and tools.

Community Trigger

- 7.5 Having considered the experiences from the pilot areas and conversing with the Home Office, a sub regional Community Trigger document has been drafted and circulated for consultation.
- 7.6 The threshold for the sub region has been set as:

- If you (as an individual) have complained to the Council, Police or a Registered Housing Provider (social landlord) about three separate incidents in your locality in the last six months;
- If three individuals in your local community have complained separately to the Council, Police or Registered Housing Provider (social landlord) in the last six months about the same incident of anti-social behaviour in the locality;
- If you have been a victim of a Hate Crime or Incident in the last six months.

Training

- 7.7 A multi agency training plan has been prepared. This consists of a modular, tiered approach including seminars, locality events and e-learning packages and briefings for officers, managers and members.
- 7.8 A partner training event was held on 23rd September. This event consisted of three seminars being delivered by four barristers from Hardwick Chambers in London, who are highly experienced in ASB. The seminars focused on housing, environmental issues and young people. In excess of 300 officers from a range of agencies received training on the day. The seminars will be followed by locality workshops across the sub region.
- 7.9 The Police led training will be delivered from October through to January. This will consist of classroom based learning using scenario's and local practice. 400 police officers and approximately 150 partner agency staff will be trained.
- 7.10 A Member training package has been developed, which will begin in October with County Council members, followed by a roll out across the sub region and will include Parish Councillors.

Implications

Financial :	None
Legal :	None
Equality Impact Assessment	All new policies shall be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment
Risks and Impact :	The ASB Strategic Group seek to identify key risks and their mitigations.
Link to Police and Crime Plan :	The reduction of ASB is a priority within the Police and Crime Plan

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Board:
- (a) Note the sub regional approach to ASB;
 - (b) Note the:
 - JAG Review recommendations;
 - Incremental Approach;
 - Community Trigger.

Background Papers

None

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