

report

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PRIORITY IN THE LAA

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To recommend a programme for the review of the perception of anti-social behaviour (ASB) as part of the Community Safety theme in the LAA.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the March meeting it was agreed that, as its first scrutiny exercise, the Joint Committee would review the Community Safety priority on a task and finish basis and it was left to the Chair and Vice-Chair to scope the review.
- 2.2 The Chair and Vice Chair met and considered the community safety priority. The joint Committee's focus is on the LAA and particularly on:
 - The strategic context, ie how does Nottinghamshire compare to other areas and what difference should the agreed targets make
 - The delivery, I having agreed the targets how robust are the delivery arrangements.
- 2.3 The focus of the joint committee's work on the LAA and its whole county perspective means that it is not appropriate to focus for instance on individual CDRPs (which are a matter for local scrutiny) or the allocation of police resources (which are outside the LAA).
- 2.4 There are 7 national indicators in the community safety theme of the Nottinghamshire LAA. It was felt that this was too wide ranging for a single scrutiny exercise. Many of the targets had a largely single agency focus so the Chair and Vice Chair agreed to focus on the target for perceptions of ASB and develop a scope for the review.
- 2.5 The proposed scope is appended. At the last meeting members were keen to undertake a review and to have made significant progress before June – recognising that the membership of the joint committee might change as a result of each council having its AGM and the

County Council elections. This is reflected in the proposed programme.

- 2.6 It is recognised that as the first area being reviewed this is a learning exercise for the joint committee. The scoping has focused on addressing issues concerning the Local Area Agreement and its governance not the wider issues of community safety.
- 2.7 The fact that the joint committee is undertaking this work was reported to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board at its meeting on 3rd April 2009.

3. **Programme**

- 3.1 In order to meet the agreed timelines it is proposed to hold two evidence-gathering sessions as follows

20th April 2009 The strategic picture

- 3.2 This session is designed to address the strategic context, ie how does the perception of ASB in Nottinghamshire compare to other areas and how ambitious are the targets set in the LAA
- 3.3 To provide information for the committee the following have been invited to appear before the committee
- a) Rick Brown who has been commissioned to present his research into the strategic context, comparing Nottinghamshire to elsewhere and looking at the patterns of perception of ASB in different areas.
 - b) A representative from GOEM to reflect on the process and the targets set in the LAA especially whether they are sufficiently ambitious
 - c) Representatives of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board to give an overall perspective
 - d) The ASB lead officer in the Safer Communities Team at Nottinghamshire County Council on the ASB framework in the LAA

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- 3.4 This session will focus on the robustness of the delivery arrangements and the extent to which services have changed as a result of the LAA.
- 3.5 From the LAA perspective ASB activities are led through the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and local CDRPs. Organisations on the partnership have been invited to attend including:
- a) ASB co-ordinator
 - b) Family Intervention Project

c) Youth Service

4. **Recommended**

It is recommended that the programme be agreed.

Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones
Chair of the Joint LAA Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers

Nil

JOINT LOCAL AREA SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF PERCEPTIONS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Reason for Review

- This is the first review undertaken by the Joint LAA Scrutiny Committee. Members want to use the targets and delivery against this priority to illuminate how the LAA operates.
- Members want to focus on community safety and have decided that the perception of ASB seems to offer the best way of looking at how well the LAA is modifying the plans and actions of a number of partner agencies.

Background

Reducing crime and the fear of crime is priority 4 of the LAA. It includes seven indicators including NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour. The choice of this indicator reflects the survey finding that ASB is a key issue affecting the quality of life of Nottinghamshire residents. It is intended to focus the energy of the partnership on the real consequences of ASB for local people.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a high profile national priority for Government. Local authorities are seen as the key partner in tackling ASB through: enforcing ASB legislation; applying for ASBOs; leading on housing related ASB; tackling litter/graffiti; licensing premises; and securing and designing environments to reduce likelihood of alcohol-fuelled disorder and ASB.

The indicator is measured through the Place survey. It is also one of the indicators in the APACS (Assessment of Policing and Community Safety) framework.

The baseline data is 21.5% in 2007/8 and the target is to achieve a 5.75% reduction by 2010/11.

Key Questions

1. What is the Strategic Context, ie
 - a) How does the perception of ASB in Nottinghamshire compare to other areas
 - b) How ambitious are the targets set in the LAA
2. How robust are the delivery arrangements, ie
 - a) Are the different agencies clear about what is expected of them and are they in a position to delivery

- b) Do the delivery plans look likely to deliver the improvements
- c) What are the partner agencies doing differently as a result of the LAA

Proposed Programme

It is proposed to hold two evidence-gathering sessions as follows

1. 20th April 2009 The strategic picture, to include
 - a) Commissioned research into the strategic context, comparing Nottinghamshire to elsewhere and looking at the patterns of perception of ASB in different areas.
 - b) A representative from GOEM to reflect on the process of negotiating the priorities and the targets set in the LAA especially whether they are sufficiently ambitious
 - c) Representatives of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board to give an overall strategic perspective on ASB in Nottinghamshire
 - d) The ASB lead officer to provide further information on the ASB framework in the LAA
2. 11th May 2009 Local Delivery Representatives of local delivery partners, including
 - a) ASB co-ordinator
 - b) Family Intervention Project
 - c) Youth Service

Timescale

Members would like to have produced a draft report by end May 2009.