

Tackling Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) in the community Task Group – Draft Scoping Document

Review Topic	Tackling antisocial behaviour (ASB) in the community.
Chair	To be confirmed.
Group Membership	To be confirmed.
Officer Support	Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer.
Purpose of the Review	To protect residents and to strive for lower levels of antisocial behaviour in the community.
Essential Criteria (at least one must be marked)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A council priority (as set out in the Business Plan) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A matter of significant, demonstrable public concern, as raised through ward councillors, local media etc.
Role of Overview and Scrutiny in this Review (mark all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Holding Executive to account – Key Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holding Executive to account – performance based <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community champion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to policy development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy review <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory duties / compliance with codes of practice
Aims of Review / Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand the scale of antisocial behaviour in Wyre and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the increase of incidents. 2. To explore the impact of antisocial behaviour on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The community - Council owned assets - The Police - Businesses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Identify areas of improvement with the council's current ASB policies and procedures. 4. To assess the effectiveness of the mechanisms for how the authority responds to and deals with antisocial behaviour, including the community trigger. 5. To examine the effectiveness of multi-agency partnership working such as the Community Safety Partnership. 6. To make succinct recommendations to Cabinet on what more the council can do to help reduce antisocial behaviour in Wyre.
<p>What specific value can Scrutiny add to this work area?</p>	<p>Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, antisocial behaviour has significantly increased in Wyre. A review of how the council tackles antisocial behaviour will highlight potential areas of improvement to reduce ASB incidents.</p> <p>The review will identify areas of strategic focus to assist the council achieve its corporate objective (as set out in the Business Plan). An improvement to the levels of ASB in the community and how incidents are dealt with will result in better health and wellbeing and life opportunities for residents, whilst also protecting Wyre's USP, the Great Outdoors, from harm.</p> <p>Overall, the review will assist the council in making Wyre a safer community for all residents and visitors.</p>
<p>Methodology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review previous reports and documentation (see below) - Review of the Business Plan proposal (see below) - Interview witnesses at task group meetings - Site visits - Consultations with businesses and residents - Review and compare the policies of other councils and their impact
<p>Limits of Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This review is not specific to any particular geographical location; therefore, it is a borough-wide issue. - Crimes that do not fall under the definition of ASB should not be included in this review.
<p>Potential Expert Witnesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder, Councillor Roger Berry - Corporate Director Environment, Mark Billington - Head of Environmental Health and Community Safety - Manager of Environmental Protection and Community Safety

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnerships Officer (CCTV) - Community Safety Partnership - Chief Constable, or local Inspector - Neighbourhood Watch - The Zone in Wyre (Milton Youth and Community Centre Fleetwood) - YMCA - Local businesses - Parish and Town Councils - Members of the public - Victims of ASB
Documents to be considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Community Safety report 2020 and 2021 - The Business Plan 2019 – 2023 - Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Antisocial behaviour powers Statutory guidance for frontline professionals – Home Office - Office for National Statistics – data tables - Additional related documents.
Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential that the remit of the review may become too broad (size of the project).
Level of Publicity	Potentially high
Indicators of a Successful Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The investigation should provide the council with a greater perspective of antisocial behaviour across the borough and provide solutions to tackle the problem. - A clear recommendation to Cabinet that will assist with reducing the incidents of antisocial behaviour in Wyre.
Approximate Timeframe	3 months
Projected Start Date	March 2022