

Youth ASB –Agreed Action & Updates

1. That the council continues to develop closer working relationships with organisations such as schools across Wyre to communicate the council's role with youth ASB. The council working with the Community Safety Partnership and other relevant agencies should approach schools, particularly high schools, to engage with them about what assistance they may need and what the council can offer regarding tackling youth ASB in the community.

The Lancashire Violence reduction network have undertaken a pilot Multi Agency Support Panel (MASP) in Fleetwood which allows schools to communicate and discuss children with worrying behaviours / vulnerability and agree actions to support the children. The model has been recognised as being a valuable communication tool and a Lancashire co-ordinator has been employed to look at the concept and set up similar panels across Lancashire. Wyre Community safety team continue to support the work of the panel.

2. That the council make enquires with external organisations to consider running and financing a revival of a project where the high schools across Wyre, including pupil referral units, create drama productions on key community safety topics such as youth ASB. The task group propose that the council could assist with the productions such as the offering of Marine Hall as a venue to host the productions. There should also be consideration by the organisation running the project to work alongside the council, the Police and Lancashire County Council to identify topics for the productions.

In June 2023 the Wyre Beat event was held at the Marine Hall, Fleetwood at which pupils from Saint Aidan's, Cardinal Allen and Fleetwood High showcased performances which they had written and produced themselves. Tasked with demonstrating what anti-social behaviour means to them and the impact it has on their lives, each school created a piece of dance or drama which was performed before a large audience including families and fellow students. The event is seen as good way of engaging with pupils on difficult subjects and it is hoped the event will become a regular event in the community safety calendar.

3. That the council to continue to work with external partners to support diversionary activities such as the boxing project in Fleetwood and to consider expanding such projects for a more universal appeal.

Diversionary activity remains a core activity for Wyre community safety partnership. Whilst the Council have not run a similar project to the boxing initiative, the MASP and the Youth ASB multi agency groups have where appropriate referred appropriate cases into Lancashire violence reduction Champions program which offers one to one support and diversionary activity. Across the county there is really good evidence that this program is having an impact on the children participating. The violence reduction network have funding until March 2025 but have yet to hear whether this funding will be extended beyond this date. As such the violence reduction network are looking to undertake a business case to try and continue the Champions program based on the evidence available.

4. That the council's promotion of how residents can report incidents of ASB be continued.

The council and the police web site continue to encourage the reporting of all anti-social behaviour. There has also been a special focus on anti-social behaviour in agreed hot spot areas as part of the Police Operation Centurion.

5. That the council replicate the work of Garstang Town Council in providing councillors with a guide on reporting ASB to relevant authorities and how to share this information with local residents. The group also suggested a future pre-council briefing slot be scheduled on this topic

The Author of the Garstang-Anti Social behaviour document circulated during the overview and scrutiny review of youth ASB, has left Garstang Town Council, and the status of the document is unclear. It is believed that the document is used to provide guidance to the Garstang Town Cllrs on what they can do if they receive a complaint about anti-social behaviour direct to them. Once this is confirmed Wyre Democratic services will circulate the document around all Town and Parish Councils.

6. That the implementation of the recommendations agreed by Cabinet be reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee after 12 months

This report is provided as an update to what has been achieved so far.