

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5th July 2018

ANTI- SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – PROPOSED TASK GROUP REVIEW

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Simon Wilkes, Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) and Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services.
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider a proposal that has been received for Members to undertake a Task Group Review of action that could be taken to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Borough.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve one of the following options:

- 1) Subject to any changes agreed during the meeting, the proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group Review be launched.**
- 2) Members receive a presentation in respect of Anti-social behaviour at a forthcoming meeting (or meetings) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- 3) The Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel be asked to investigate the subject of anti-social behaviour in greater detail at future meetings.**
- 4) No further action be taken by Overview and Scrutiny Members in respect of this matter.**
- 5) Alternative action, to be identified and clearly specified during the meeting, be taken in relation to this matter.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 On 25th June 2018 an Overview and Scrutiny work Programme Planning session was held in Redditch. All non-executive Councillors were invited to attend this

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session, which was designed to explore items that might be suitable for further scrutiny during the year.

- 3.2 During the Overview and Scrutiny session Members, working in three separate groups, participated in a number of interactive activities. At the end of the session Members provided feedback from each group on their findings and their conclusions as to whether subjects discussed during the course of the event might be suitable for further scrutiny. ASB was a subject that was identified by all three groups as potentially suitable for further scrutiny.
- 3.3 The event occurred on a date shortly after a high profile incident of ASB was reported in the local media. This involved a number of people behaving in an antisocial manner following the England Vs Panama football game, and in which a number of people climbed onto a bus. Members also noted during the session that they were increasingly receiving reports about ASB in their wards.
- 3.4 In this context a review of this subject could be considered timely as it could help to address current concerns that have been raised with Members by representatives of the local community.

Financial Implications

- 3.5 There are no direct financial implications.

Legal Implications

- 3.6 the Executive Committee is due to receive a report on the subject of the Ant social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and the implications of the provisions in this legislation for the Borough. It is proposed in the scoping document that as part of the exercise Members should pre-scrutinise these provisions and report their findings in an interim report in September.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.7 At present there is one scrutiny task group reviewing the support available to care leavers. This group will be reporting their findings to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5th July. After this date therefore there will be capacity amongst both Members and the Democratic Services team to support this review.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 No specific customer or equalities and diversity implications have been identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

No specific risks have been identified.

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5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group – Scoping Document.

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