

**Meeting:** Safer Communities Executive Board

**Date:** 23 June 2008

**Report Title:** Safer Haringey ASB Strategy 2008/11

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## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To inform members of the board of the new ASB Strategy and plans for consultation.
- 1.2 To seek endorsement and raising of any gaps or comments, affecting partner agencies.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1. Haringey has developed a balanced and proportionate approach to dealing with ASB. In 2005 the Haringey Information Sharing Protocol was finalised and signed by key services dealing with ASB, including some Registered Social Landlords. The protocol allows data to be passed easily from one agency to another, facilitating joint working and helping eliminate duplication.
- 2.2. During April 2006 Safer Neighbourhood Teams were rolled out across the borough with full coverage in every ward. The Crack House Protocol was also formally signed during March 2007. In 2007, the ASBAT (which became established following its roll-out in 2005) extended its preventative role by employing a parenting worker with two support workers funded from Supporting People. This parenting support is focused on those families who have been identified as the most prolific ASB offenders.
- 2.3. Underpinning all the work is strong corporate leadership through the ASB Partnership Board and lead member involvement in setting the strategic and policy agenda for ASB which increasingly crosses departmental boundaries and business units.
- 2.4. The priorities identified within the last strategy include, environmental

protection through enforcement of existing legislation (e.g. Houses in Multiple Occupation - HMOs), social clubs, litter/rubbish, noise, untaxed vehicles, abandoned vehicles, misuse of fireworks and better places to live. Youth related ASB, supporting victims, communities and neighbourhoods (build confidence and skills), improving capacity amongst staff, crack house closures and street drinking. In addition, housing tenure provides a lever to deal with 'problem neighbours' as and when appropriate,

- 2.5. The above priorities remain the focus for our ASB work over the coming three years. We want to see more emphasis on early interventions, mediation and preventive work especially with young people and their families across all housing tenures. This is further supported by the on-going Government Respect Agenda and Youth Taskforce Action Plan 2008.

### **3. Action Plan Priority Areas 2008/09**

- 3.1. To improve the exchange of information about reported anti-social behaviour, accessing partnership resources to increase service provision and improve responses to complaints of anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2. To improve multi-agency working by developing common protocols, assessment pathways and joint service delivery.
- 3.3. To build the skills, capacity and confidence of all key staff and the community. Underpinning these priorities is a recognition that success will depend on increasing residents' involvement in tackling ASB at a local and borough level.
- 3.4. Multi-agency local area problem solving and addressing the causes of ASB
- 3.5. Use all our available enforcement powers
- 3.6. Involve the community / understanding residents' concerns
- 3.7. Implementing an ASB Communications Strategy
- 3.8. Scope the need for a Mediation Service

### **4. Consultation on the Strategy**

- 4.1. There is to be public consultation on the strategy requesting that participants highlight where they consider gaps to be in forward plan proposals.
- 4.2. Consultation is to occur through community events – Tottenham Carnival 21st June 2008, Pathmeads Tenants Conference 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008.
- 4.3 Practitioner events - Alcohol Strategy Stakeholder Event, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and Police Safer Neighbourhoods Teams questionnaires.
- 4.4. On-line, via Youth Space website, community safety page of the council website; and Area Assemblies. All to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.