



## YOUTH ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TASK AND FINISH GROUP – SCOPE/PROJECT PLAN

**Sponsored by:** Overview and Scrutiny Board

### Membership:

- Councillor Baker
- Councillor M Dolling
- Councillor Keens
- Councillor Roden
- Councillor Rowlands
- Councillor J. Taylor

### Supporting Officers

- Vicky Hawkes – Community Safety & ASB Manager
- Verity Southwell – Youth Offending Service Manager
- Philip Moore – Senior Youth Development Officer
- Angela Fraser – Democracy and Scrutiny Officer ( Project Lead)
- Farah Ismail – Consultation and Engagement Officer
- Police representative (to be confirmed)

## 1. BACKGROUND

The Overview and Scrutiny Board at their meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 agreed to set up a Task and Finish Group to:

- Look at how the Council and its partners work together to address issues of youth crime & ASB;
- The impact of policing and local authority and budget cuts to the youth offending service,
- The reduction in policing on the streets of Luton and whether this could lead to increase in crime and anti social behaviour.

The focus for the review will be on the following areas:

- Current operational responses to individual young people identified as being involved in or at risk of anti-social behaviour.
- Impact (or likely impact) or cuts to policing and local authority budgets in the context of youth anti-social behaviour.
- Opportunities to strengthen partnership responses to youth anti-social behaviour within project future budgets.

Anti-social behaviour is defined as:

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- **behaviour that has caused or likely to cause harassment alarm or distress**
- **behaviour capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises**
- **behaviour capable of causing housing related nuisance or annoyance to any person**

### National Context

- Nationally, there are approximately 3.2 million incidents of anti-social behaviour annually.
- Anti-social behaviour legislation was overhauled in 2014, resulting in the enactment of the Anti-social behaviour, crime and Policing Act 2014 which gave a new legislative framework for tackling the issues.
- The White Paper, Putting Victim's first clearly set out a victim/community centred approach to tackling anti-social behaviour.

### Local Context

- .Around 8000 incidents are reported to the Police in Luton annually. Levels remain relatively stable.
- Around 18% of these incidents relate to reports which the caller believes are committed by young people.
- The Community Safety Partnership oversee the work carried out strategically and operationally to tackle youth related anti-social behaviour.
- Youth ASB has been re-inforced as a local priority in the ASB strategy 2016-19.
- Cuts and res-structuring of teams are currently taking place in Bedfordshire Police and the Local Authority and there have been a reduction in the charity/third

## 2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The work of the Group is guided by the following principles:

- The start date for the Youth ASB Task and Finish Group is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and completing in December 2016.
- A consistency panel meeting will be arranged two weeks prior to the final submission of the final report to the OSB at its January 2017 meeting.
- The final report to the Council's Executive meeting in February 2017

## 3. OBJECTIVES

- To review the current strategic and operational responses to youth related ASB in the context of identified young people.
- To assess the potential impact of current and future budget cuts.
- To evaluate and recommend future opportunities to strengthen partnership working to mitigate the impact of budget cuts.

## 4. METHODOLOGY/ APPROACH

### Taking evidence from:

- Community Safety Unit
- Youth Offending Service
- Bedfordshire Police
- Youth Service
- Stronger Families
- Children's services

### Public Involvement:

- Various methods, press release, council's website

### Documents/ Reports Examination, including:

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## 5. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public to be informed about the work of the Task and Finish Group – 'Youth ASB' with views sought from the follows:

- Local media, including press and local radios;
- 'Open to all' consultation, including E-consultation (if necessary) -  
through the Council's website and twitter;

All overview and scrutiny task and finish group meetings are public meetings, except when confidential matters are being discussed. All agenda and minutes are published on the Council's website and members of the public have the opportunity to voice their views on matters under discussion, with permission from the Chair.

Feedback on the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and the decisions of the Council's Executive will be provided to the public, through a press release and published on the Council website and reported at Area Committees.

	Work Programme Items/ Tasks	Lead Officers/ Members	Significant Dates/ Comments
Project Management	Manage / co-ordinate project and provide general advice/ support to members	Angela Fraser – Democracy & Scrutiny Officer	Attend all T & F meetings and ad hoc informal meetings when required.
	Provide community engagement advice/ support to members	Farah Ismail	Attend meetings as and when required.
	Arrange/ minute formal meetings and provide constitutional advice/ support to members	Democracy and Scrutiny Officer	<b>Meeting dates:</b> T.B.A.

Evidence Gathering			
	Expert Witnesses (Local)		
	Expert Witnesses (External)		

Public involvement			
	Communications/ PR	T & F Chair /Communications Officer	Prepare and publish Press release in Lutonline , Front page of council Website
	Post review public feedback	All Members	

Report	Final report to Overview & Scrutiny Board	Chair of T&FG	November 2016
	Final report to Executive	Chair of T&FG	December 2016