

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)
- Sophie Langston, Senior Intelligence Analyst (Crime & Safety)

1. BACKGROUND

The Overview and Scrutiny Board at their meeting on 24th 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 budget costs across local agencies and specifically to the local authority youth service and the youth offending service,
- The reduction in policing on the streets of Luton that could lead to increase in crime and anti social behaviour.

The review will focus 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) of cuts to policing and local authority budgets in the context of youth anti-social behaviour – specifically in relation to the youth service and youth offending service.
- Opportunities to strengthen partnership responses to youth anti-social behaviour within projected future budgets.

Inclusions

For the purpose of this task & finish group - 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

Youth anti-social behaviour, for the purposes of this task & finish group, youth anti-social behaviour includes anti-social behaviour committed by people aged 0-18. The group will focus on services for young people aged under 18 but will consider 'transitional' services for young adults (18-19 year olds) as appropriate during the project.

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 oversees the work carried out strategically and operationally to tackle youth related anti-social behaviour.
- Youth ASB has been reinforced as a local priority in the ASB strategy 2016-2020.
- Cuts and re-structuring of teams are currently taking place in Bedfordshire Police and the Local Authority and there has been a reduction in the charity/third sector resources and funding opportunities.

	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	Meeting dates: T.B.A.

Governance/strategic overview on behalf of the soLUTiONs Community Safety Partnership including overview of the ASB legislative framework	Vicky Hawkes, Community Safety Manager	27 th June 2016
Overview of anti-social behaviour in Luton	Sophie Langston, Senior Intelligence Analyst (Crime & Safety)	
Overview of budget reductions	Jo Fisher, Head of Area Integrated Services	
ASB soLUTiONs Unit (investigation/enforcement)	Emma Purkiss, Community Safety Officer	
LBC Housing Department (investigation/enforcement)	TBC	
Bedfordshire Police (response)	TBC	
Youth Offending Service (intervention/prevention)	Verity Southwell, Operations Manager	
Youth Service (locations/prevention)	Phil Moore, Senior Youth Development Officer	
Stronger Families / Early Help (support/intervention)	TBC	
Academic Research	University of Bedfordshire	
Schools – survey results to be reviewed		Further engagement/evidence from this group to be considered in due course
Voice of local residents (including young people) – survey results to be reviewed		Further engagement/evidence from this group to be considered in due course
Charity/third sector – results of survey to be reviewed		Further engagement/evidence from this group to be considered in due course

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