

# **Report**

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Report to:	<b>Housing and Technical Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>4 February 2009</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2009 to 2013</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise on the progress of South Lanarkshire's second Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 2009 to 2013
- ◆ advise of arrangements for consultation

## **2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress in developing the South Lanarkshire's second Anti-social Behaviour Strategy be noted
- (2) that the consultative draft be approved for issue to a wide range of stakeholders for a period of consultation from 9 February to 29 May 2009
- (3) that the final Strategy be submitted to Committee for approval at the appropriate time

## **3. Background**

3.1. Part 1 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 requires the Council and the police to prepare jointly a strategy to tackle anti-social behaviour. The key purpose of the strategy is to set out the:-

- ◆ understanding which partners have on the extent and nature of antisocial behaviour;
- ◆ services available to tackle anti-social behaviour; and
- ◆ actions which partners will take to prevent and tackle anti-social behaviour

3.2 South Lanarkshire's first Strategy produced in 2004 covered the period up to 2008. The strategy was supported by an outcome agreement which was negotiated with the Scottish Government. The South Lanarkshire Strategy was the first to be submitted to the Scottish Government and was assessed by them as 'very good'. This second strategy has been specifically developed to build on the success of the first strategy.

3.3 Members have had regular updates on progress with the actions within the current Antisocial Behaviour Strategy through the publication of a series of Anti-social Behaviour Annual reports.

#### **4. The Second Antisocial Behaviour Strategy**

- 4.1 An officer group has been coordinating the development of the draft strategy with progress being reported to both the Community Safety Partnership and the Anti-social Behaviour Strategy Implementation Group. Both groups have representatives from Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and relevant Council Resources including Housing and Technical, Community and Social Work Resources.
- 4.2 The new strategy has been developed to ensure effective progress is achieved in relation to key national and local outcomes as set out in the South Lanarkshire Single Outcome Agreement. While a number of the national outcomes are relevant to the strategy, National Outcomes 9 and 11, and the associated local outcomes, including improving community safety, provide the main focus for the strategy.
- ◆ National Outcome 9 states that:-  
‘We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger’
  - ◆ National Outcome 11 states that:-  
“We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others”
- 4.3 Work on developing the second strategy is now nearing completion and it is proposed that the strategy will be the subject of extensive consultation between February and May 2009.
- 4.4 As previously stated the strategy has been developed in relation to key national and local outcomes and is structured around four strategic outcomes to provide its overarching focus. These are:-

- ◆ **Strategic Outcome 1**

- Safe and attractive communities in which people want to live**

The key action which supports this outcome is the introduction of Community Policing Teams to provide high visibility policing, is accessible and knowledgeable about the communities that they will be working in with the public and partner agencies to support the delivery of safer communities.

Additionally a number of other actions will be progressed to help achieve progress against the outcome including the development and implementation of a Youth Diversion programme

- ◆ **Strategic Outcome 2**

- A reduction in the impact which antisocial behaviour has on people's lives**

The key action which supports this outcome is continuing to develop and implement a variety of approaches in tackling youth alcohol and vandalism through the six problem solving groups.

One of the other actions is the ‘Safer South Lanarkshire’ programme designed to tackle antisocial behaviour in town centres through the festive period

♦ **Strategic Outcome 3**  
**Improved quality of advice, assistance and support for victims of antisocial behaviour and other service users**

The key action which supports this outcome is continuing to promote and raise awareness of the wide ranging services available to those experiencing anti-social behaviour including the 'Breaking the Cycle' initiative addressing families who commit anti-social behaviour

♦ **Strategic Outcome 4**  
**Local communities have an effective input into the development and implementation of the strategy and local action planning**

This area of the action plan looks at the development and implementation of an effective community engagement framework to establish procedures in how we engage with community groups including developing a comprehensive monitoring evaluation framework to ensure views of residents within Neighbourhood Management Areas are considered

- 4.5 The national strategy for addressing antisocial behaviour is currently subject of a review with its recommendations due to be presented to the Scottish Parliament in February 2009. Any implications or actions arising from the national review will be addressed as part of the ongoing review of the strategy.

**5. The Next Steps**

- 5.1 It is proposed that a comprehensive consultation process will take place from 9 February 2009 until 29 May 2009 to allow sufficient time for engagement to take place. This will involve distributing the draft strategy to a range of service users, partner agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of the draft strategy will be available in the Members' areas. Through the course of the consultation, formal presentations to a wide range key stakeholders and community groups will take place.
- 5.2 The consultation process will culminate with a seminar, expected to be held in May 2009, for partner organisations, individuals and groups to allow them the opportunity to participate as they will have a key role in implementing the strategy. Feedback from the seminar will be provided through a final report which will be made available to all those who participated in the consultation.
- 5.3 Set out below are the expected timescales for implementation of the strategy

Issue draft for consultation	9 February 2009
Consultation completed	29 May 2009
Finalising strategy	June 2009
Approval and implementation	
♦ Executive Committee	June/July 2009 TBC
♦ Community Planning Partnership	June/July 2009 TBC

## **6. Employee Implications**

6.1 None

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 While the Anti-social Behaviour Strategy has no funding implications as part of the strategic development, a full assessment of resources directed towards anti-social behaviour will be carried out.

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1 None

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1 An impact assessment will be carried out during the consultation period.

9.2 Extensive consultation has taken place with key strategic partners to inform the development of the draft strategy. Consultation on the draft will be progressed on the basis of the proposals set out in section 5 above.

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### **Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values**

- ◆ Improve Community Safety
- ◆ Working with and respecting others

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee – 3 September 2008

### **List of Background Papers**

None

### **Contact for Further Information**

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