

# Community Safety

## Anti-social Behaviour Policy



# What is Anti-social Behaviour?

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) is defined by section 2, paragraph 1 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 as:

- a) conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person,
- b) conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises, or
- c) conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person.

This is a very wide definition.



# What is Anti-social Behaviour?

- **Personal** - incidents that deliberately target an individual or group of people, rather than the community.
- **Nuisance** - incidents affecting the community, rather than an individual victim. This is when an act, thing or person causes the community trouble, annoyance, or suffering.
- **Environmental** - incidents where individuals or groups impact their wider surroundings. It includes environmental damage and the misuse of public spaces or buildings.



# Powers

Within the statutory guidance there is a clear focus of putting the victims first.

The act provides the police, local authorities and other local agencies with flexible tools and powers that they can use to respond quickly and effectively to antisocial behaviour.

These include:

- Civil Injunction
- Criminal Behaviour Order
- Public Space Protection Order
- Community Protection Notice
- Dispersal Power
- Closure Power

# Partnership Working

Anti-social Behaviour cannot be dealt by one agency alone.

There needs to be a multi-agency approach to dealing with the issues that arise as a result of anti-social behaviour.

There is a statutory duty placed on the defined Responsible Authorities which are the Local Authority, Police, Fire and Rescue, Probation and Clinical Commissioning Groups who are to work together to deal with anti-social behaviour.

This is achieved locally through strong partnership relationships fostered through the Community Safety Partnership.



# Proposed Policy

There is no statutory duty on the Local Authority to produce an Anti-social Behaviour Policy.

However, Tameside Council have taken the view that an Anti-social Behaviour Policy is adopted in order to reassure and increase public confidence that deterring and dealing with instances of anti-social behaviour is a top priority for the Council's ASB service.

The ASB Service draft policy document is devised into the following sections;

- Policy Statement and Commitment
- Our Approach and Responsibilities
- Definition
- Reporting Anti-social Behaviour
- Service Standard
- Informal action / Interventions we can take
- Legal Powers
- ASB Case Review
- Multi- Agency Partnership Approach
- Safeguarding of Staff
- Complaints



# Action taken in formation of the Policy

- Incorporated the considerations of the Governments 'Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan'.
- Incorporated the considerations of the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman published in-focus report; "Out of Order": learning lessons from complaints about anti-social behaviour'
- Draft of the Policy was presented to the Tameside Public Engagement Network (PEN). The feedback received incorporated into the formation of the policy.
- Draft policy presented to the Council's Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel and furthermore a Scrutiny Committee workshop from which recommendations have helped development of the policy.



# Governance and next steps

- Permission is being sought to commence with a 12-week public consultation period on the policy
- The policy will be presented to the Executive Cabinet on 27 March 2024
- Subject to approval there will be a 12-week period of public consultation
- A further report will be produced taking into account feedback from the consultation, with a view to formal adoption of the policy

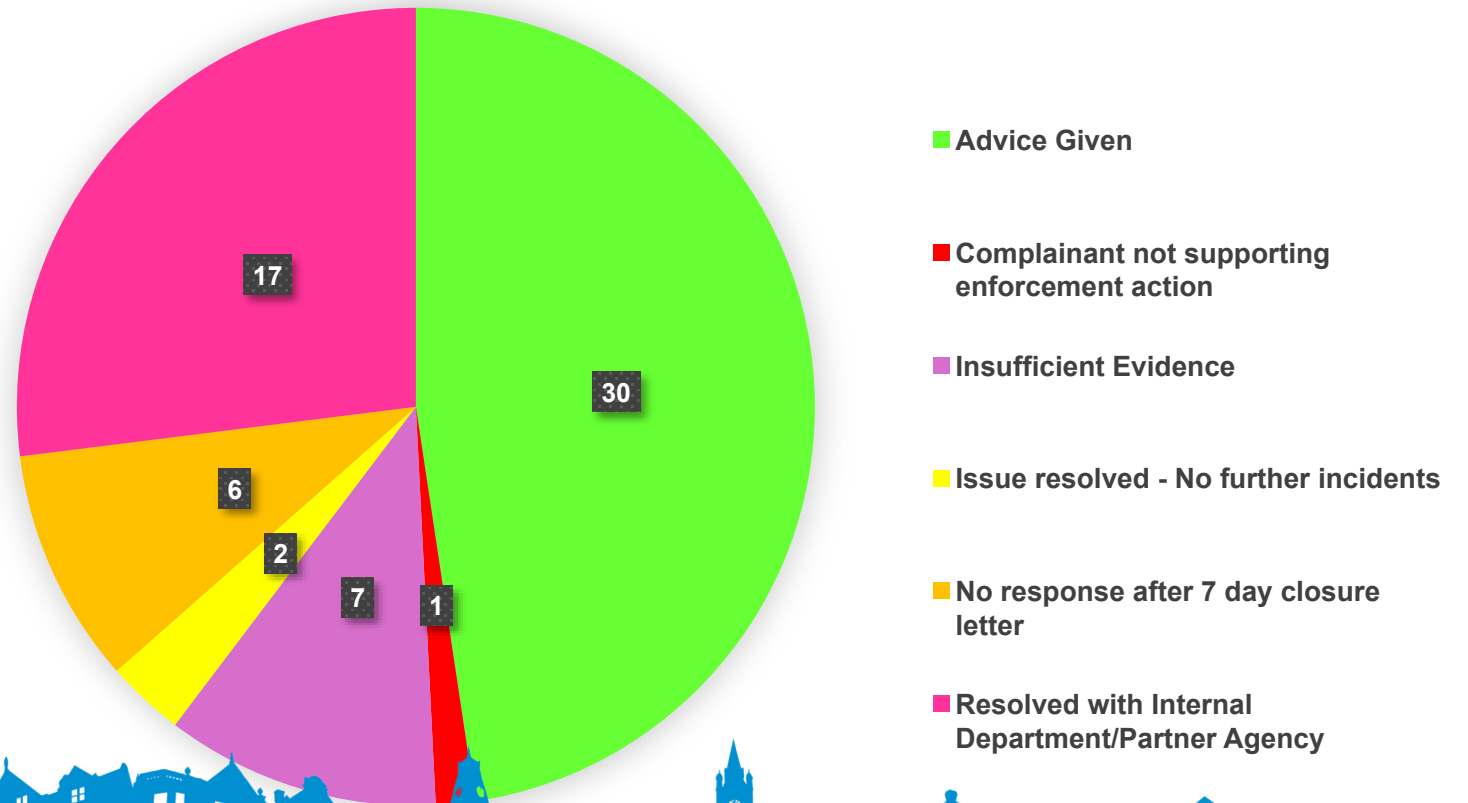




# ASB Reports 2023 - North

A total of 63 ASB reports were received for the Ashton area.

ASB Report Resolution - Ashton-under-Lyne



# Community Safety Partnership

## Resilient Communities Fund



# Resilient Communities Fund

- Building on the success of the previous year's community grant schemes, the Tameside Community Safety Partnership (CSP) have launched the 'Resilient Communities Fund' 2024-25
- As with previous grant schemes, the fund is devolved from the annual grant the CSP receive from the GM Deputy Mayors Office
- Applications to fund are being received between the 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March
- All ward members have been sent an email containing the relevant information



# Thank you

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