



<b>Policy, Finance and Development Committee</b>	<b>Tuesday, 18 September 2018</b>	<b>Matter for Information and Decision</b>
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**Report Title:** **Proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy**

**Report Author(s):** **Mark Smith (Community Safety & Youth Coordinator)**

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To seek Member's approval for the Council to adopt the proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.
<b>Report Summary:</b>	<p>Local Authorities have duties to investigate Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) that affects their community, and have powers to take action against people if their behaviour is unacceptable.</p> <p>The proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy sets out how Oadby &amp; Wigston Borough Council will categorise, approach, and work to rectify anti-social behaviour within the Borough. The policy is proposed following the successful recruitment of the Council's new Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, and the subsequent review of the Council's existing policies relating to anti-social behaviour.</p>
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<p><b>A. That the proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy (at Appendix 1) is adopted; and</b></p> <p><b>B. That under the proposed Policy, and as a Social Landlord, the Council becomes a signatory to the 'Respect: ASB Charter for Housing' (at Appendix 2) as developed by the Chartered Institute of Housing.</b></p>
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<b>Corporate Priorities:</b>	<p>Effective Service Provision (CP2)</p> <p>Green &amp; Safe Places (CP4)</p> <p>Wellbeing for All (CP5)</p>
<b>Vision and Values:</b>	<p>"A Strong Borough Together" (Vision)</p> <p>Accountability (V1)</p> <p>Respect (V2)</p> <p>Teamwork (V3)</p> <p>Innovation (V4)</p> <p>Customer Focus (V5)</p>
<b>Report Implications:-</b>	

Legal:	The proposed Policy meets the Council's statutory obligations under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and other related legislation as referred to therein.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Reputation Damage (CR4)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. Initial EA Screening (See Appendices)
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
<b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
<b>Consultees:</b>	Thomas Maccabe (Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, OWBC)
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
<b>Appendices:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> Proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy (September 2018)</li> <li><b>2.</b> Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Respect Charter</li> <li><b>3.</b> Initial EA Screening (September 2018)</li> </ol>

## **1. Adoption of Proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy**

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's statutory obligations under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, and related legislation stated within the proposed Policy document, the Council is required to publish a framework stating how anti-social behaviour can be reported to it, and any reported incidents of anti-social behaviour will be addressed by its relevant officers.
- 1.2 Having conducted a review of the Council's current offer of response to anti-social behaviour, and following the successful recruitment of a lead officer to coordinate the Council's response, the proposed policy document was drafted at **Appendix 1**, incorporating all changes and additions to relevant legislation up to August 2018.
- 1.3 The adoption of the proposed policy document will enable greater public and organisational clarity on what constitutes anti-social behaviour, and how the Council should and will seek to respond to it within the Borough.
- 1.4 Enhanced clarity is likely to result in an increase in the number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour received by the Council to which its dedicated officer will respond accordingly. This in turn will reduce the demand on Police resources within the Borough for lower-level incidents of anti-social behaviour, and help foster a sense of belonging to a safer community for our residents.

## **2. Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Respect Charter**

- 2.1 Under the proposed Policy, and as a Social Landlord, it is also proposed that the Council becomes a signatory to 'Respect: ASB Charter for Housing' which aims to be outcome-focused to improve the quality of people's lives who suffer from anti-social behaviour. A copy of the Charter is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.2 The Charter consists of seven core commitments:
- Demonstrating leadership and strategic commitment;
  - Providing an accessible and accountable service;
  - Taking swift action to protect communities;
  - Adopting a supportive approach to working with victims and witnesses;
  - Encouraging individual and community responsibility;
  - Having a clear focus on prevention and early intervention; and
  - Ensuring that a value for money approach is embedded in our service.
- 2.3 There are no financial implications or other commitments included in signing up to the Charter, but doing so demonstrates a commitment on the Council's behalf to be a responsible social landlord.
- 2.4 Oadby and Wigston Borough Council is the only District or Borough Council in Leicestershire that retains a housing stock but is not currently a signatory to the Charter.