



POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING

REPORT TITLE	ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR FUNDING UPDATE
REPORT OF	POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DERBYSHIRE
DATE	22nd June 2023

1. PUPOSE OF REPORT

For members of the Panel to receive a brief update concerning the new Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Action Plan for Derbyshire, following Government's targeted funding, totalling £4.4m over two years which has been allocated to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire.

2. BACKGROUND

The government launched a national Action Plan in late March to clamp down on ASB within communities. The Action Plan is designed to ensure ASB is treated with the urgency it deserves. It will establish a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of anti-social behaviour and give the police and local authorities the tools they need to tackle the problem.

The action plan aligns locally with the Commissioner's strategic priority within her Police and Crime Plan to tackle ASB robustly in communities, and to ensure that the Constabulary are taking a tough approach, locally, to eradicating this form of offending.

Under the new plan, perpetrators of ASB will face swift and visible justice, they will be made to payback in communities through a range of different activity such as litter picking or cleaning graffiti soon after they have been caught.

The national plan also enables higher on-the-spot fines for fly-tipping, littering and graffiti. Additionally, nitrous oxide will be banned and an expansion of drug testing on arrest will be rolled out further.

Forming part of the Action Plan, is a commitment to invest additional funding worth £50m nationally to enable Police and Crime Commissioner's to assist with the implementation of the Plan locally.

3. FUNDING FOR DERBYSHIRE

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire has secured funding to pilot two schemes worth £4.4m over two years for 'hot spot' police and enforcement patrols, alongside a new 'immediate justice' scheme designed to deliver swift and visible punishments to perpetrators.

The Commissioner will receive £1.2m for both 2023-24 and 2024-25 to invest in ASB hotspot policing to strengthen enforcement work undertaken by the Constabulary and partners.

In addition, an extra £1m for each of the next two years will be provided for the commissioning of reparative services to ensure ASB perpetrators undertake practical, reparative activity to compensate for the loss or damage sustained by victims.

4. HOTSPOT POLICING PILOT

The Commissioner's office is working closely with Derbyshire Constabulary, who are currently analysing data to depict a number of hotspot areas which are disproportionately impacted by ASB across the county. The identified hotspot areas will then be assessed and prioritised to receive increased patrols of police and other uniformed authority figures, such as wardens.

The Commissioner's office is working closely with representatives from Derbyshire Constabulary and local authorities across Derby and Derbyshire to understand the different delivery options available within local districts and boroughs. Hotspot patrols will commence as soon as possible to ensure additional uniformed presence in communities to drive down ASB.

There will be regular assessments undertaken to monitor the scheme closely through a national evaluation partner to measure the impact the pilot scheme has on ASB reported to the police.

5. IMMEDIATE JUSTICE PILOT

The Commissioner' office has worked swiftly to design a bespoke pilot scheme and has awarded a contract to Remedi, who are a national registered charity to facilitate the scheme locally within communities.

Both the Constabulary and Remedi will work closely with Youth Justice colleagues and local authorities, to identify suitable cases at all stages, ensuring the service is available for young people and adults as part of an Out of Court Disposal in the Criminal Justice System (CJS). Additionally, as a preventative approach outside of the CJS, i.e., ASB housing/local authority referrals where a crime has not been committed.

Reparative activities could include litter-picking in public parks and high streets, cleaning of civic memorials, cleaning of graffiti and basic repairs of damaged property. This could be arranged alongside diversionary and restorative activities, particularly for young people.

It is anticipated that this scheme will be ready to operate in the Summer of 2023 and a further update will be provided to the Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

- i. That the Panel receives the update in relation to the additional funding being received by the Commissioner regarding ASB.

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