

## Anti-social Behaviour Delivery Plan

### **Mission Statement**

For agencies across new Devon to work together to tackle anti-social behaviour, including the causes of such behaviour.

*LAA 34 Reduce anti-social behaviour – measured by National Indicator 27: Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police.*

### **Introduction**

Tackling Anti-social Behaviour continues to be a priority for the Government. The “Respect” agenda followed the “Together” agenda which gives advice and guidance, not only to practitioners but to members of the public who are also being encouraged to do something about the issues in their local area.

All agencies across Devon and Cornwall should work to an agreed framework called the Escalation Process in order to tackle ASB. This involves dealing with individuals in a structured way in terms of both punitive measures, such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-social Behaviour Orders, but also in terms of interventions. All this work is co-ordinated locally by the ASB Co-ordinators.

Local authorities are a key partner in tackling ASB and have statutory duties to enforce ASB legislation (this ASB indicator was mandatory in the 2006/07 LAAs). They are an applicant agency for Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), they lead on housing-related ASB, tackling litter/graffiti, and are responsible for the licensing of premises and in securing and designing environments to reduce the likelihood of alcohol-fuelled disorder and ASB.

Tackling ASB is also a priority for all New Devon Community Safety Partnerships as well as the Police, District Councils and Registered Social Landlords. The Police have now made it part of their Control Strategy which gives even greater priority to the issues.

The measure and benchmark for this is data provided by the Police and by the British Crime Survey. Feeding into this will be the new Place Survey, a series of issues on which agencies, such as district councils, have to conduct a survey involving members of the public. This is similar to the Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI).

### **Evidence**

Research has been carried out for Safer Devon Partnership and each Community Safety Partnership or CDRP has received an individual report on ASB issues within their locality. This has indicated a rise in this category of offending. In addition, information gathered at public consultation meetings, through Local Action Groups etc, has indicated that the community considers the reduction in ASB to be a priority.

It has been established that Police logs recording incidents of rowdy, nuisance and inconsiderate behaviour (RNI), accounted for over 70% of all total reports of anti-social behaviour across New Devon. Therefore concentrating on that particular classification of logs, further research has shown general increases in reporting.

Over an 18-month period to October 2007 across New Devon, the Escalation Process was used with the following results:

- 562 Letters 1 served
- 197 Letters 2 served
- 123 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts agreed and signed
- 24 Anti-social Behaviour Orders imposed

The table below gives an outline of the key actions which will be taken to reduce anti-social behaviour across New Devon but it is not an exhaustive list.

## Delivery Plan

Project title	Action (including geographic coverage)	Project lead	Resources	Delivery dates	Performance measures
<b>Use of Escalation Process to tackle ASB</b>	New Devon	ASB Co-ordinators	£41,500  Multi Agency including Police and District Councils	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour. Also NI 24
<b>Use of Section 30 Dispersal Orders where appropriate</b>	New Devon	Police and ASB Co-ordinators	Police	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour. Also NI 24
<b>Use of Alcohol Test strips to deter under age drinking</b>	New Devon	ASB Co-ordinators	Funding provided for strips by Community Safety Partnership for use by Police Neighbourhood Teams	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour. Also NI 24
<b>Use of Devon Youth Service to provide Street Based Outreach Service</b>	New Devon	ASB Co-ordinators & Devon Youth Service	Funding from Safer Devon Partnership	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour Also NI 24
<b>Use of Police Neighbourhood Teams with other agency support to</b>	New Devon	Police, Addaction, EDP Drug & Alcohol Services	Existing Police resources	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy,

<b>deter under age drinking</b>					inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour. Also NI 24
<b>Use of Section 59, Police Reform Act 2002 and other interventions to deal with vehicle related ASB</b>	New Devon	Police and CSOs	Police with other agency support, eg District Councils	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour. Also NI 24
<b>Phoenix Project</b>	New Devon	ASB Co-ordinators and D&SF&RS	Funding from Safer Devon Partnership	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour. Also 24
<b>Use of sporting activities as a diversion</b>	New Devon	ASB Co-ordinators	Funding from Safer Devon Partnership	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour Also NI 24
<b>Parenting Courses</b>	New Devon	ASB Co-ordinators	Funding from Safer Devon Partnership	Ongoing	To show no increase in reports to Police of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour Also NI 24

## Community Engagement

All Partner Agencies will consult with communities across New Devon using a variety of methods which will include Partners and Communities Together (PACT), Liaison Meetings hosted by both Police and District Councils, via Place Surveys, face to face consultation, Police Community Messaging Service, Neighbourhood Watch, Tenants & Residents Groups etc.