

**City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Call for Action Enquiry into Anti-Social Behaviour across the District

Draft - Terms of Reference

See Part 3E paragraphs 4.1 to 7.2 of the Constitution of the Council.

Background

At its meeting on Thursday 30 June 2022, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a Call for Action request from Councillor Brendan Stubbs, into Anti-Social Behaviour the Bradford 2 and 10 areas.

As part of the discussions, Members of the Committee became concerned that Anti-Social behaviour was actually an issue for the whole of the District.

Subsequently the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee decided to undertake an enquiry into anti-social behaviour across the whole of the District.

Bradford Council and its partners recognise the serious impact that ASB can have on our residents, communities, and businesses. The aim is to bring incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (and associated harm), to an end as quickly and decisively as possible. We use the definition of ASB that is found within Part 1 of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

- 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.

Anti-social behaviour can take many forms and is dealt with by a number of different Teams within the Council as well as by a range of external agencies such as social landlords, the police, mental health trusts and schools.

Key Lines of Enquiry

Members of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny were in agreement that it was imperative to restore resident confidence that their neighbourhoods are safe as possible. Subsequently, the key lines of enquiry for this enquiry are:

- To understand the legislative, policy and performance context of Anti-Social Behaviour;
- Gaining a broad understanding of anti-social behaviour across the District, who causes it and where it occurs;
- Examining the processes and systems in place to divert young people away from the routes into anti-social behaviour;

- Effectiveness of Bradford Council, it's partners and other authorities to work together, to developing a cohesive response to anti-social behaviour and support those organisations and staff on the front line of service delivery;
- Exploring further preventative steps that Bradford Council and its partners can take to limit the opportunities for types of anti-social behaviour and criminality.

Methodology

The committee will receive and consider a variety of evidence/information provided by a range of interested parties. The Committee may adopt one or more of the following methods to collect evidence/information:

- Relevant documents;
- Relevant data;
- Written submissions from, or meetings with interested parties;
- Undertake relevant visits.

Indicative list of interested parties

An indicative list of interested parties is provided below. This is not definitive or exclusive and can be developed as the enquiry progresses.

Organisation / Department	Contact
Bradford Council Portfolio Holder.	Cllr Abdul Jabar.
Bradford Council.	Ian Day. Michael Churley. Heather Wilson. Lisa Brett.
West Yorkshire Police.	Inspector Nick Haigh Chief Inspector Dan Ware Sgt Ceri Lloyd.
West Yorkshire Fire Service.	Jemma Burgess. Chris Kovacs.
Incommunities (including Mediation Service)	Cathy Chattaway. Patrick Collins.
Probation Service.	Nick Hawley.
The Bridge Project.	Jon Royle.
School.	
Residents.	
Victims and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.	

Indicative Timetable

Date	Milestone
Thursday 15 September 2022, 5.00pm, Committee room 1, City Hall.	DRAFT Terms of Reference to be presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – for discussion and approval.
TBC.	Information gathering session – setting the scene.
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TBC.	Final report – to be presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.