

Anti-Social Behaviour Strategic Delivery – Plan on a Page

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Introduction

This strategy sets out the key priorities for the North Somerset Community Safety Partnership in tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) and outlines the areas for action over the next three years.

Everyone has the right to feel safe in their own homes and neighbourhoods. We know that, where left unchecked, anti-social behaviour can have an overwhelming impact on its victims and on the wider community. This is why the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 seeks to put victims first, giving power to local people and enabling professionals to find the best solutions for their local area. The act also provides the police, local authorities and other local agencies with a range of flexible tools and powers that can be used to respond quickly and effectively to anti-social behaviour.

In developing this strategy, partners have worked together to consider how we can encourage reporting, support victims and use tools and powers robustly to secure the best outcomes.

Our priorities for 2023/24

1. Prevention Stopping ASB before it happens	Focus on hotspot locations Community Tension Monitoring Education and awareness raising
2. Early Intervention When ASB does occur, we act quickly with low-level interventions	Enhancing our approach to problem-solving Refreshed focus on early-interventions Use of Community Remedies and Restorative Justice
3. Support Ensuring victims have confidence in reporting issues and they feel supported	Encourage reporting of ASB Strengthening the Community Trigger Raising awareness of support Services
4. Robust Enforcement Where required, we use our tools and powers quickly and effectively	Ensuring officers have the right tools and powers Utilise all available tools and powers Targeted interventions to tackle key issues

Our Anti-Social Behaviour Principles

We have adopted the national set of anti-social behaviour principles, developed by the Home Office which seek to describe a consistent approach to understanding and addressing Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) in local communities.

1. Victims should be encouraged to report ASB and expect to be taken seriously. They should have clear ways to report, have access to help and support to recover, and be given the opportunity to choose restorative approaches to tackling ASB.
2. Agencies will have clear and transparent processes to ensure that victims can report ASB concerns, can understand how the matter will be investigated and are kept well informed of progress once a report is made.
3. Agencies and practitioners will work across boundaries to identify, assess and tackle ASB and its underlying causes. Referral pathways should be clearly set out between services and published locally. This includes pathways for the community trigger and health services.
4. The public's ASB concerns should always be considered both nationally and locally in strategic needs assessments for community safety. Best practice should be shared through a network of ASB experts within each community safety partnership, each policing area and nationally.
5. Adults and children who exhibit ASB should have the opportunity to take responsibility for their behaviour and repair the harm caused by it. Agencies should deliver appropriate interventions, which may include criminal justice options, based on the seriousness, risks and vulnerabilities of the case.

These principles have been embedded into this strategy to help develop our priorities

Our key deliverables

	Q1 review	Q2 review	Q3 review	Q4 review
Develop a new process to ensure ASB and Disorder Hotspots are quickly identified to enable effective problem-solving and implementation of target hardening measures	Select	Select	Select	Select
Develop an education campaign on the impacts and consequences of ASB aimed at young people and parents	Select	Select	Select	Select
Renewed focus on Community Remedies and Restorative Justice to give victims and say and allow offenders to take responsibility for their behaviour and the harm caused by it	Select	Select	Select	Select
Renewed focus on early interventions such as Good Neighbour Agreements and Fixed Penalties to nip issues in the bud	Select	Select	Select	Select
Enhance our problem-solving approach by adopting the 'SARA' model	Select	Select	Select	Select
Review our engagement model with communities across North Somerset to remove as many barriers to reporting ASB as possible, particularly in rural communities. This includes making innovative use of technology to streamline reporting and improve case management practises.	Select	Select	Select	Select
Strengthen our Community Trigger process by making the ASB Help PLEDGE to embed national best practice for supporting victims and their right to an ASB Case Review.	Select	Select	Select	Select
Raise awareness of the support services available to victims in North Somerset and encourage uptake	Select	Select	Select	Select
Implementation of newly updated Public Space Protection Order and monitoring of its impact	Select	Select	Select	Select
Renewal of Community Safety Accreditation Scheme Powers and ensure effective use by officers	Select	Select	Select	Select
Ensure all tools and powers are being used by officers quickly and effectively through training	Select	Select	Select	Select
New public dashboard on the usage of ASB tools and powers to improve transparency and confidence that ASB issues are taken seriously	Select	Select	Select	Select

Emerging challenges and risks for 2023/24

	RAG	How will we tackle this challenge or mitigate this risk?
The ongoing repercussions of COVID lockdowns including lowering in public tolerance and rise in youth disorder leading to increase demand on agencies	AMBER	Strong partnership working with communities across North Somerset
Tightening of public services budgets place significant pressure on maintaining service provision	AMBER	Make the best use of existing resources, working together to reduce demand on our services
Increases to cost of living is likely to cause increases in crime types and community tensions	AMBER	Visibility and engagement with communities to build strong relationships.