Scrutiny Review Scope	
Proposed Title	Scoping Date
Anti-Social Behaviour Scrutiny Review Panel	TBC

Criteria and reasons for selecting topic

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is a significant issue effecting communities with Blackpool. The Council and Partners through the BSafe Community Safety Partnership (CSP) are undertaking a number of actions to address ASB and reduce its impacts on residents.

At its July 2023 scrutiny work-planning work shop members of the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee agreed that a review of ASB should be undertaken. This would be undertaken in the Committee's role as the Council's statutory Crime and Disorder Panel.

Which priority within the Council Plan does this topic address?

Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience

What are the main objectives of the scrutiny?

To gain an understanding of the impact of ASB on communities within Blackpool and its scale and scope. This will include consideration of the various types of ASB

To determine the causes of ASB, highlighting at risk people and communities. Further to this the review will seek to understand how the Council and its CSP partners address ASB currently. This will include consideration of their effectiveness and the outcomes they generate for residents and communities.

In addition to this the review panel will consider what further plans are in place for addressing ASB and To receive details of any proposals for new approaches to ASB. To make recommendations.

What specific issues will be addressed as part of the scrutiny?

- The impact of ASB
- The scale and scope of ASB
- The causes of ASB
- Where does responsibility lay in addressing ASB
- The criminal and civil powers available to the Council and its partners to address ASB
- The CSPs current approach
- The effectiveness of the existing approach
- Future plans for addressing ASB

What possible outcomes are envisaged in terms of service improvements / benefits to the community?

Improved the current approach and outcomes for service users. This will include ensuring that ASB work and strategies are robust and will lead to improved outcomes for residents and communities.

Determination that funding for ASB work is sufficient and demonstrates value for money.

How will the public be involved? (consider invitations / press releases for meetings, consultation with community groups / clubs, etc)

The review panel will give consideration to the involvement of the public, with the possibility of engagement with the victims of ASB and those involved in ASB work being sought.

How will the scrutiny achieve value for money for the Council / Council Tax payers?

The review will consider the impact of the of the Council's plans and strategies and if these have led to improved outcomes for Blackpool. It will also look at the value for money of the services provided.

What primary / new evidence is needed for the scrutiny?

- Performance against Key Performance Indicators
- Information on current and historic levels of homelessness.
- Details of ASB strategies and plans
- Budget and financial information including service accounts

What secondary / existing information will be needed? (include background information / existing reports (consider Internal Audit) / legislation / central government information and reports, etc.

- Community Safety Partnership Plan
- Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (legislation that defines ASB legally)

Which Council officers / departments will provide information, advice and assistance for the scrutiny?

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Paula Burdess Director of Communities and Environmental Services – Mr John Blackledge Assistant Director of Communities and Environmental Services – Ms Lisa Arnold Head of Public Protection – Ms Jennifer Clayton

What expert witnesses will the panel request input from outside of the Council?

Representatives from partner organisations that work with the Council, such as;

- Lancashire Constabulary
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
- Third Sector organisations involved in ASB
- Community/Faith Groups

What type of meetings (e.g. fact finding, evidence gathering, consultations, questioning, site visits), and how many in number are envisaged for the scrutiny?

Series of review meeting by a panel of interested members.

1st Meeting would be an overview of work undertaken by the Council and CSP during the past year and an outline of the future challenges faced. The scope of the review and topics for consideration will be confirmed at this meeting.

The review panel should also consider the potential of conducting a site visits as part of its evidence gathering.

This will be followed a series of meetings to consider and gather evidence on specific topics and a final meeting to consider conclusions and recommendations.

Timescales / likely duration of enquiry

February - May 2024

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