



## City and County of Swansea

### Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

## Scrutiny Inquiry Panel - Anti-Social Behaviour

**At:** Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

**On:** Thursday, 13 April 2023

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Convenor:** Councillor Terry Hennegan

**Membership:**

Councillors: S Bennett, A Davis, A M Day, R Fogarty, V A Holland, Y V Jardine, A J Jeffery, M H Jones, M Jones, C L Philpott, B J Rowlands and M S Tribe

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### Agenda

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Public Questions</b><br>Questions can be submitted in writing to <a href="mailto:scrutiny@swansea.gov.uk">scrutiny@swansea.gov.uk</a> up until noon on the working day prior to the meeting. Written questions take precedence. Public may attend and ask questions in person if time allows. Questions must relate to items on the open part of the agenda and will be dealt with in a 10-minute period. |              |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Roundtable Meeting with Registered Social Landlords / Housing Associations</b>  | <b>3 - 4</b> |
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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 9 May 2023 at 6.00 pm (informal and in person)

*Huw Evans*

**Huw Evans**  
**Head of Democratic Services**  
**Date: 6 April 2023**

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**Contact: Scrutiny Officer**

# Agenda Item 4



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## Minutes of the **Scrutiny Inquiry Panel - Anti-Social Behaviour**

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**Thursday, 9 March 2023 at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Councillor T J Hennegan (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

C Anderson  
A J Jeffery  
M S Tribe

**Councillor(s)**

S Bennett  
A S Lewis

**Councillor(s)**

R Fogarty  
A Pugh

**Other Attendees**

Cabinet Member Cyril Anderson  
Cabinet Member Andrea Lewis  
Cabinet Member Alyson Pugh

**Officer(s)**

Chris Howell (Head of Waste Management)  
Paula Livingstone (Divisional EHO, Pollution Control and Private Sector Housing)  
Adrian Johnson (Operational Lead, Pollution Control and Private Sector Housing)  
Carol Morgan (Head of Housing & Public Health)  
Judith Williams (Operations Manager Landlord Services)  
Dave Thomas (Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Housing)  
Sarah Jordan (Landlord and Community Housing Services Manager)  
Mark Wade (Interim Director of Place)  
Jane Whitmore (Strategic Lead Commissioner)  
Gareth Pritchard (Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator)  
Michelle Roberts (Scrutiny Officer)

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): A M Day, M H Jones, M Jones and C L Philpott

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**29 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Terry Hennegan, Sam Bennett and Rebecca Fogarty declared personal interests.

**30 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips**

None

**31 Minutes**

The minutes of the 27 February and the 1 March 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

### **32 Public Questions**

No public questions were received.

### **33 Council Housing, Public Protection and Fly-tipping**

The Panel thanked the Cabinet Members Andrea Lewis, Cyril Anderson and Alyson Pugh and officers for attending the Panel and for providing and presenting a report that addressed the key set of questions, sent to them in advance, from the perspective of Council Housing, Public Health and Fly tipping services.

The report presented by these services and the full notes taken from this discussion will form part of the Inquiry Findings Report. The Findings Report will be brought back to the Panel at the end of the evidence gathering phase of the inquiry. Today's evidence will then be considered alongside all the evidence gathered when the Panel discuss and formulate the inquiries conclusions and recommendations to Cabinet.

### **34 Inquiry Project Plan / Work Programme**

The next meeting is scheduled for 13 April at 10.30am and will be with Housing Associations operating within Swansea.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am

**Chair**

# Agenda Item 6



## Report of the Convener of the Anti-Social Behaviour Scrutiny Panel

13 April 2023

### Consultation with Housing Associations

<b>Purpose</b>	To gain the views of Housing Associations operating in Swansea in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour
<b>Content</b>	Key questions sent to Housing Associations in advance of a Q&A at the meeting
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	To consider and discuss the issue as part of the scrutiny inquiry into Anti-Social Behaviour
<b>Lead Councillor(s)</b>	Terry Hennegan, Convener of the Anti-Social Behaviour Scrutiny Inquiry Panel
<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	Michelle Roberts, Scrutiny Officer <a href="mailto:Michelle.roberts@swansea.gov.uk">Michelle.roberts@swansea.gov.uk</a>

#### 1. Context

The Panel agreed, as part of their inquiry into anti-social behaviour in Swansea, to speak to relevant partner organisations. The Panel have therefore invited the three Housing Associations operating within Swansea.

In attendance will be:

Pobl Group - Jon Tumelty

Caredig Housing - Stuart Middleton

Coastal Housing - Serena Jones and Louisa James

#### 2. Key Issues and Questions

The following questions/issues were sent to the representatives in advance, in preparation for the scrutiny meeting:

- a) What is the role and key objectives of your organisation in relation to tackling and reducing ASB?
- b) What are the key challenges you are facing and how are you addressing these (what more could be done to help you as an organisation to address them...especially from a council or partnership perspective)?
- c) Do you feedback to the victims/reporters of anti-social behaviour about what is being done to address ASB, either in terms of the specific

incident they were involved in or reported, or more generally? Do you use this feedback to improve inform and improve your services?

- d) Does your organisation meet its regulatory obligations in relation to the services represented today? If not, why is that and what can be done to help you to do this from a council or partnership perspective?
- e) How well do you feel the Council and its partners are working together to tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in Swansea from the perspective of your organisation and in partnership. How could it be improved further?
- f) How is your organisation working with the Council and other partners to address the causes of anti-social behaviour. Strategies, tools, interventions and work happening in communities, an example would be helpful to give context. How could this be improved further?
- g) We are looking at the extent of the issue across Swansea and would greatly appreciate if you could provide us with some data, if that is possible, to help us with this, namely:

For each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022:

- a. How many reports of ASB have they received from tenants?
- b. How many cases have they progressed through their processes?
- c. How many notices of eviction have they issued?
- d. How many tenants have actually left their properties?

# Agenda Item 7

## Project Plan – Scrutiny Inquiry into Anti-Social Behaviour

Date/Venue	Evidence Gathering Activity
Pre-Inquiry Scrutiny Working Group 24 Nov 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of subject area with Lead Council Officer/s and Lead Cabinet Member. They will provide a strategic overview of Anti-Social Behaviour including details of the legal frameworks we work under and identifying who the key influencers are.</li> <li>Discuss and agree the Terms of Reference and Project Plan for the Inquiry.</li> <li>Agree public call for evidence and IIA for inquiry</li> </ul>
Evidence gathering	
<b>Session 1</b> 17 Jan 23 2pm	Community Inclusion Community Safety Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
<b>Session 2</b> 2 Feb 23 2pm	Police and Community Policing
<b>Session 3</b> 27 Feb 23 10am	Education
<b>Session 4</b> 1 Mar 23 10am	Youth Offending EVOLVE
<b>Session 5</b> 9 Mar 23 10am	Council Housing Neighbourhood Support Unit Public Protection services including noise abatement; and Place/environmental services including fly tipping
<b>Session 6</b> 13 Apr 23 10.30am	Registered Social Landlords / Housing Associations <i>Confirmed</i>
<b>Session 7</b> 9 May 2023 6.00PM	Hearing the Voices of Children and Young People CMET youth panel and young people from youth clubs. <i>In Person only meeting at East Early Help Hub, 495 Llangyfelach Rd, Brynhyfryd, Swansea SA5 9EA</i>
<b>Session 8</b> 16 May 23 10am	Round table meeting with Voluntary Sector SCVS rep and Local Business <i>Confirmed</i>
<b>Session 9</b> 23 May 23 10am	Roundtable meeting with Equalities Forums/Groups <i>Confirmed</i>
Concluding Inquiry	
<b>Meeting 10</b> June - tba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desk based research – some practice elsewhere</li> <li>Findings report and discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting 11</b>	Final report

