



City and County of Swansea

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

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

Thursday, 24 November 2022 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor T J Hennegan (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

S Bennett
H M Morris
M S Tribe

Councillor(s)

A M Day
C L Philpott

Councillor(s)

M Jones
B J Rowlands

Other Attendees

Alyson Pugh
Hayley Gwilliam

Officer(s)

Julie Davies	Head of Child & Family Services
Paul Thomas	Community Integration Partnership Manager
Jane Whitmore	Strategic Lead Commissioner
Gareth Pritchard	Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): R Fogarty and M H Jones

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

2 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

None

3 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

4 Anti-Social Behaviour - Strategic Overview

Cllr Alyson Pugh (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing), Julie Davies (Head of Child and Family Services), Jane Whitmore (Strategic Lead Commissioner Social Services), Paul Thomas (Community Integration Partnership Manager) and Gareth Pritchard

(Anti-Social Behaviour Officer) were invited to attend and present their report giving a strategic overview of the issue.

They outlined:

- Why we do this, including the definition of Anti-Social Behaviour under the Crime and Policy Act 2014, how it is reported, the 4-step plan and how we and our partners provide specific solutions.
- Early intervention and prevention work and tools used.
- The partnership approach, explaining that it is not solely delivered by Swansea Council, that there is a broad partnership approach to taking ASB.
- The Safer Swansea Partnership and the Public Service Board accountabilities.
- Our key partners
- Finance
- Current performance and trends explaining that ASB data is monitored and collated via the Police NICHE system.
- Future challenges and opportunities
- Risks
- Also attached to the report was a list of the key Legislation that impacts on ASB and the Home Officer Guidance on Anti-Social Behaviour principles recently published.

The report, and full notes from the discussion, will form part of the Inquiry Findings Report and this will be brought back to the Panel at the end of the evidence gathering phase of the inquiry. It will then be considered alongside all the other evidence gathered when discussing and agreeing the Inquiry conclusions and recommendations.

5 Discuss and agree the Draft Inquiry Terms of Reference and Project Plan

The Working Group agreed their Terms of Reference and Project Plan with the addition of inviting Neighbourhood Support Officers and Local Area Co-ordinators. Also agreed was the Inquiry Call for Evidence and the Integrated Impact Assessment.

The meeting ended at 11.40 am

Chair