



City and County of Swansea

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

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

Thursday, 13 April 2023 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillor T J Hennegan (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

S Bennett
A S Lewis
M S Tribe

Councillor(s)

V A Holland
C L Philpott

Councillor(s)

Y V Jardine
B J Rowlands

Other Attendees

Andrea Lewis, Cabinet Member
Jon Tumelty, Pobl Housing Association
Serena Jones, Coastal Housing Association
Sarah Davies, Coastal Housing Association

Officer(s)

Jane Whitmore Strategic Lead Commissioner
Judith Williams Operations Manager and Landlord Services

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): A M Day, A J Jeffery, M H Jones and M Jones
Other Attendees: Stuart Middleton, Caredig Housing Group

35 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

36 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

None

37 Minutes

The minutes were accepted by the Panel.

38 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

39 Roundtable Meeting with Registered Social Landlords / Housing Associations

The Panel thanked Jon Tumelty from Pobl Housing Association and Serena Jones and Sarah Davies from Coastal Housing Association for attending the Panel and discussing the set of questions that had been sent to them in advance of the meeting, these included:

- 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?

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:

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

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.

40 Inquiry Project Plan / Work Programme

The Project Plan/Work Programme was noted.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

Chair