

Executive Summary – Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for Wiltshire

Introduction

This strategy has been produced by Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership and the family of wider partner organisations that have shared responsibilities at a local level for preventing and reducing anti-social behaviour - either directly or indirectly.

The need for a local ASB Strategy

Many partners contribute to the reduction of anti social behaviour in Wiltshire. This strategy provides a single countywide framework for the joined up delivery of anti-social behaviour work.

Key Aims

The strategy aims to clarify how anti-social behaviour will be prevented and reduced in Wiltshire. It identifies gaps in provision, ensures resources are maximised and that duplication of effort in anti-social behaviour work is avoided. The strategy will facilitate a coordinated approach to anti-social behaviour both within and between all Wiltshire organisations and local partnerships.

Background

For the purposes of the strategy, anti-social behaviour is deemed as minor incivilities that are serious in behaviour that is serious enough to merit intervention from the relevant authorities, but not so serious as to a crime that would demand criminal prosecution and punishment. This includes:

- Interpersonal/malicious Anti-Social Behaviour
- Environmental Anti-Social Behaviour
- Anti-Social Behaviour restricting access to public space.

Priorities

- Anti-social behaviour must be prevented and reduced effectively.
- Effective action on anti-social behaviour demands a balance between rigorous enforcement, prevention, support and rehabilitation.
- Remedies for anti-social behaviour must promote long-term social inclusion.
- Measures to prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour must be consistent with human rights legislation.
- To aim for sustained anti social behavioural change whilst recognising some interim respite for communities and individuals may be required.