

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

4TH MARCH 2009

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND ALCOHOL FREE ZONES TASK GROUP

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths Councillor P. J. Whittaker
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Street Scene and Community Head of Planning and Environment
Chairman of Scrutiny Task Group	Councillor C. B. Taylor

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To consider the findings and recommendations contained within the attached report relating to the investigation undertaken by the Anti-Social Behaviour and Alcohol Free Zones Task Group.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the attached report and recommendations contained within it.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The background to when and how the Anti-Social Behaviour and Alcohol Free Zones Task Group was established is detailed within the attached report under "Terms of Reference".

- 3.2 At the Overview Board meeting held on 3rd February 2009, the Task Group Chairman, Councillor C. B. Taylor, presented the attached report. After some discussion the report, including the three recommendations, were approved.

- 3.3 In relation to the report format, Members should note that the Cabinet made the following suggestions which the former Scrutiny Steering Board approved in April 2008:

- Prioritising recommendations as being of low, medium or high priority;
- Including officer actions that are already being undertaken which the Task Group supports; and
- Including issues which were considered by a Task Group but did not form part of the final recommendations.

The above have all been incorporated into the attached report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications to the majority of the recommendations; however, as with any recommendation, even where there is no cost, there will be an impact on officer time.
- 4.2 With regard to the recommendation relating to CCTV, an upgrade to the existing system has been approved, with replacement cameras already having been installed in and around Bromsgrove Town Centre. However, street lighting improvements would have to be funded from a separate budget source, most likely via the County Council.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications in respect of most of the recommendations. However, with regard to the third recommendation relating to Fixed Penalty Notices, the associated legal implications would need to be investigated further by the relevant officers if this recommendation were to be approved.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 The report relates to the "Sense of Community and Wellbeing" aspect of the Council's Objectives. There are also indirect implications in respect of Bromsgrove Town Centre, in view of the references within the attached report to anti-social behaviour / alcohol free zones.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The risk of not implementing the recommendations contained within the attached report is that it results in the Council not doing all it can to ensure it reduces anti-social behaviour and improve the effectiveness of the alcohol free zones.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Residents within the District will benefit from the improving situation in respect of anti-social behaviour if the recommendations contained within the attached report are implemented.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no implications directly relating to the recommendations for the Council's Equalities and Diversity policies.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no value for money implications directly relating to this report.

11. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues - None
Personnel Implications - None
Governance / Performance Management - None
Community Safety (including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998) - Yes, the recommendations relate to preventative measures and working in partnership to reduce anti-social behaviour. It should be noted that the Council has a duty to consider how its actions play a part in crime and disorder.
Policy - None
Environmental - None

12. **OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Executive Director (Partnerships and Projects)	Yes
Executive Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Street Scene and Community	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development and HR	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

13. **WARDS AFFECTED**

13.1 All Wards.

14. **APPENDICES**

14.1 Appendix 1 - Anti-Social Behaviour and Alcohol Free Zones Overview and Scrutiny Report (including appendices).

15. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15.1 None

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