

**REPORT TO:** SCRUTINY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
**Date of Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
**Report of:** The Scrutiny Programme Officer  
**Title:** Spotlight Review on Anti Social Behaviour/Noise Nuisance and how the Council currently deals with these issues.

**Is this a Key Decision?**

No

**Is this an Executive or Council Function?**

Council

**1. What is the report about?**

Following the Annual Scrutiny Work Programme meeting in July 2014, the way in which the Council deals with anti social behaviour and noise nuisance was highlighted as a high priority topic for scrutiny investigation particularly as Community Patrol had ceased to exist and had been replaced by a new team with a different approach.

This report outlines the outcome of the Spotlight Review in relation to this topic.

The following Members were nominated for and invited to the Review meeting:-

Cllr Bull	Cllr Shiel	No Liberal Democrat nominations
Cllr Clark	Cllr Newby	although Cllr Mitchell invited.
Cllr Robson	Cllr Holland	
Cllr Foggin		
Cllr Hannaford		
Cllr Edwards		
Cllr Owen		

**2. Recommendations:**

- That Scrutiny Community note this report and Members are content with this Review.
- That Scrutiny Community support a further meeting of this Review Group once the new anti social behaviour legislation has been implemented fully so that any impacts on service delivery can be considered.

**3. Reasons for the recommendation:**

- To ensure that Members remain fully informed of topics highlighted for Scrutiny investigation.
- To inform the Committee of the findings of this review.
- To ensure that all Scrutiny Community Members have the opportunity to comment on the outcome of the Review.

**4. What are the resource implications including non financial resources:**

None at present for the purposes of this specific report to Committee.

**5. Section 151 Officer comments:**

This report raises no issues for the Section 151 officer to consider.

**6. What are the legal aspects?**

None.

**7. Monitoring officer Comments**

This report raises no issues for the Monitoring officer to consider.

**8. Report Details:**

On the basis of the information provided by the Housing Solicitor, Assistant Director Environmental Health, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Environmental Health Manager and the Community Safety and Enforcement Service Manager, this Spotlight Review found that:-

Members agreed that the new team and system did not have as high a profile as their predecessor which was the Community Patrol. However, Members of this Review were satisfied that this did not mean that the new team and system were lacking by comparison. Members were content that the new team and system are successful in delivering a targeted and focussed approach which seemed to be lacking under the Community Patrol system. The new service was generating good results and this had not been impacted by the loss of late night patrollers as was initially thought to be the case. The introduction of the new Anti Social Behaviour legislation and the review of the current service by the Senior Environmental Health Officer were welcomed by Members as a positive step for the continued improvement of this service.

As a result of the Review, participating Members agreed that:-

- An e-mail should be circulated to all Councillors with details of the relevant officers in Housing, Environmental Health and Legal Services so that they know who to approach for advice in respect of anti social behaviour and noise nuisance complaints which they may have received from residents.
- A brief report should be provided to the Scrutiny Community Committee in respect of this Spotlight Review and its findings.
- This Group should meet once more following the Senior Environmental Health Officer's review of the service and once the new legislation had had the chance to settle in practice. This would provide Members with the opportunity to learn of any service improvements and what impact (if any) the introduction of the new legislation has had on the delivery of this service.

The Scrutiny Programme Officer would ensure that these requests were attended to.

**9 What is the impact of the decision on equality and diversity; health and wellbeing; safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, Economy safety and the environment?**

None in respect of decision. However, the service which is the subject of this report, has a positive impact on these areas.

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**Background papers used in compiling this report:**

None

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