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Responses to the Community O&S Committee Report on Anti-Social Behaviour

Recommendation	Response
1. There should be a single multi-agency point for reporting all anti-social behaviour, modelled on the Home Office 'It's Your Call' campaign.	Exec and Police responded that they considered this to be superseded by the single non-emergency number – but this is not now being progressed with. CDRP response acknowledges that “the formation of the ASB unit will allow for development of a single point of contact within that location, so long as the necessary safeguards for the public are put in place.”
2. There should either be:- a multi-agency team meeting frequently to receive all reports of and task and co-ordinate action in relation to instances of anti-social behaviour. or preferably a dedicated co-located multi-agency team tackling anti-social behaviour. If the first option is pursued then it should be seen as a stepping stone to the second over a defined period not exceeding a further financial year.	Exec acknowledged that there is “potential benefit in co-locating partners and therefore officers are tasked to develop proposals for co-locating appropriate CDRP partners at a suitable location within Carlisle – perhaps within the Civic Centre” Police respond that the multi-agency team already exists, “sharing office space at CHA’s premises on Botchergate.” Also states that the police’s daily tasking meetings are being expanded to include partners and “would strongly oppose any attempts to initiate any secondary tasking process.” The police also argue that there are now Anti-Social Behaviour Panels, which meet monthly and the CDRP Anti-social Behaviour Task Group. CDRP say that co-location “is now firmly on the agenda for the immediate future. Indeed...Mr Davidson is in dialogue with key contacts in the City Council over securing accommodation at the Civic Centre to allow this to progress.... It is now the favoured option to combine a properly co-located Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, with the CDRP staff... to create a co-ordinated ‘Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team’, based at the Civic Centre.”
3. It is essential that the team established under 2 above has representation, at an appropriate level of seniority, from all relevant agencies coupled with commitment to delivery on the actions flowing from it.	Police respond that they are satisfied with the people and process as outlined in their response to 2. CDRP response notes that the police are proposing “that at least four police constables, together with a supervisor of Inspector rank are located within the ASB unit.”

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4. Advice and support for the effective establishment of the above team should be sought from the Home Office Anti-social Behaviour Unit.	Police respond that this advice and support is ongoing.
5. A new action based strategy for tackling anti-social behaviour should be prepared for all agencies which utilises the full range of tools for prevention, support, intervention and enforcement activity and provides for timely, effective and ongoing feedback and support to victims.	Police respond that the CDRP Anti-Social Behaviour Task Group has developed an action plan. Key roles in delivering this action plan are the Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator and the relatively new post of Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Support Officer.
6. The strategy should also put in place effective performance monitoring arrangements both in relation to overall impacts and to assess effectiveness of particular types of intervention and enforcement.	Police support this recommendation and believe that "the move towards multi-agency Tasking and Strategic Assessment, through the NIM processes, is, I believe, the correct way to proceed with this recommendation."
7. The approach set out in 1 to 6 above should be a priority of the CDRP, and of the City Council under its Clean Green and Safe priority, and as a result also become a priority of the CDRP partners and be pursued by the City Council within its various partnerships.	Police respond that Anti-social behaviour is clearly a priority of the CDRP through its task group

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8. The clear message must be that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated, and high profile publicity to this effect would be an essential part of adopting this approach, with similar high profile publicity to actions taken under the strategy.	Police support the recommendation and believe that the 'Respect Agenda' is the best way of going about this.
9. The City Council should mainstream tackling anti-social behaviour as a key contribution to crime and disorder reduction.	Police support the recommendation.
10. A multi-agency communications strategy to complement the Anti-social Behaviour Strategy should be prepared and must include educational activity in schools.	Police agree, again mentioning the 'Respect Agenda' but also note that "work in schools is resource intensive and I welcome any opportunity to review and rationalise the 'partnership' approach to schools to ensure an efficient and effective delivery of these key messages."
11. There needs to be a single senior officer responsible for line management of all staff working for the CDRP.	Exec response: "The line management of staff directly involved with the CDRP sits with the Head of Policy and Performance." Police disagree with the recommendation, arguing that, due to that variety of partners, "it is simply not appropriate for all these members of staff to be line-managed by a single senior officer."
12. The Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator has too wide a remit and needs to have a clear focus on delivery of the strategy once prepared and not also be involved with other CDRP groups.	Exec responded that, as the role was shortly to become vacant, "officers are tasked with taking the opportunity to refocus the role in accordance with the recommendations in the Overview and Scrutiny report." Police agree with the recommendation but note that they consider the problems to have resulted from "poor management of the post-holder, rather than issues

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	attached to the job description” CDRP state that “there is ongoing discussion with both the Constabulary and Carlisle Housing Association, to maximise the benefits of the [Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator] post. Crucial to this development is the requirement of the post holder to attend the daily Tasking and Co-ordination meetings, to ensure links between ongoing disorder issues and the multi-agency response. There has also been a decision to separate the roles in the Carlisle and Eden areas.”
13. Area teams will be crucial to the effectiveness of the City Council response and should aim to tackle aspects of anti-social behaviour like littering and graffiti immediately they occur.	Police agree and confirm that they have been working with the City Council Area Teams since the conclusion of the committee’s review. CDRP also note the development of these links and note that “this work... represents a real opportunity for the City Council to mainstream tackling crime and disorder. Issues of localised anti-social behaviour will be at the heart of this initiative.”
14. The City Council must give high priority and adequate resources to developing its response to the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act reflecting the priorities identified at the recent O&S Workshop.	Police agree
15. The findings of the Evening and Nighttime Economy Task Group are reinforced by this review and must be taken forward.	Exec response: “The findings of the Evening and Night Time Economy Task Group are already, where appropriate, being taken forward.” Police state that the recommendations from the Task Group “have previously been considered and embraced by North Cumbria Police. Many of the recommendations have already been and are being developed into the Violent Crime and Drug and Alcohol Task Group Action Plans.”
16. To complement the strategy outlined	Exec response: “The Executive is not convinced of either the need to commit

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above there should be a multi-agency Young People's Strategy providing for accessible services and facilities for Carlisle's young people. The City Council should take a lead in developing such a strategy (involving the Community O&S committee in such development) over a timescale, which would see the strategy in place during the 2006/07 civic year.	resources to, or the City Council's capacity to lead on, another multi-agency strategy such as the proposed Young People's Strategy.... Community Support is about to undergo an improvement review and officers are tasked with determining how the need for a Young People's Strategy could be best addressed as part of this review. The Local Strategic Partnership is the right body to lead on a strategy such as this, which may feature in the forthcoming community plan." Police also note the work of the Local Strategic Partnership in this area.
17. These findings if accepted should be action planned and that plan driven and monitored by both Carlisle City Council and CDRP.	