

Housing Committee

Date of meeting: 16 November 2022

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Use of Council Powers on Housing Estates – Notice of Motion

That the relevant changes are made to the motion as shown below in strikethrough and ***bold italics***:

This Committee:

- 1) ~~Notes that~~ ***Recognises the trauma and damaging effect of anti-social behaviour on communities and in particular fear and misery experienced as raised by*** petitioners have urged the Housing Department to use its powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 to issue criminal behaviour orders and closure notices; to help improve community safety on council housing estates;
- 2) ~~Further Expresses concerns that~~ ***responses to escalating anti-social behaviour do not always adequately address the distress and safety fears of residents affected*** the council has indicated its current policy is to only use such orders to deal with issues in temporary housing, not full tenancies;
- 3) Recognises ***that a review into policy and procedures with regard to anti-social behaviour has recently taken place and was [presented to Housing Committee on 22nd June 2022](#) and that [point 1.1 of the Review](#) stated clearly:*** the misery caused to residents on some council estates from antisocial behaviour, which could be addressed by a change in this council policy

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- 4) Calls for ***the adoption of a ‘community impact focus’ as a priority in any future action plans as good practice, and in line with the above report statement;*** ~~outlining how the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 could be used to its full extent by the Housing Department to assist council housing estate tenants going forward.~~

5) **Requests that the ‘rapid response strategy’ recommended within the [Anti-Social Behaviour Review report](#) be implemented as soon as is practicable;**

6) **Requests a review of the council’s relationship with the police be undertaken to ensure more productive collaboration on tackling anti-social behaviour takes place.**

Proposed by: **Cllr Williams**

Seconded by: **Cllr Grimshaw**

As amended:

- 1) Recognises the trauma and damaging effect of anti-social behaviour on communities and in particular fear and misery experienced as raised by petitioners;
- 2) Further expresses concerns that responses to escalating anti-social behaviour do not always adequately address the distress and safety fears of residents affected;
- 3) Recognises that a review into policy and procedures with regard to anti-social behaviour has recently taken place and was [presented to Housing Committee on 22nd June 2022](#) and that [point 1.1 of the Review](#) stated clearly:

“Everyone should feel safe and secure in their home and not suffer from anti-social behaviour, nuisance, or harassment. We will take steps to prevent anti-social behaviour from occurring and where it does occur, we will aim to take swift and effective action to find a lasting solution, whilst supporting the victims of ASB and supporting behaviour change of the perpetrator.”;

- 4) Calls for the adoption of a ‘community impact focus’ as a priority in any future action plans as good practice, and in line with the above report statement;
- 5) Requests that the ‘rapid response strategy’ recommended within the [Anti-Social Behaviour Review report](#) be implemented as soon as is practicable;
- 6) Requests a review of the council’s relationship with the police be undertaken to ensure more productive collaboration on tackling anti-social behaviour takes place.