

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....10th August 2006

1. Title of Item/Report

Monitoring Report-Scrutiny Review of Anti Social Behaviour

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the outcomes of the monitoring review relating to the scrutiny review of anti-social behaviour undertaken by the Housing and Community Safety Committee during 2003/04.

Members of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee agreed that a monitoring exercise in relation to the review of anti-social behaviour should be included in the 2005/2006 work programme. It was decided to undertake the monitoring exercise in early 2006 in order to allow a period of a year to pass following Cabinet endorsement of the recommendations. It was agreed that this would allow optimum opportunity for the recommendations to be implemented and any resulting changes to the service to become apparent.

The report set out the results of the monitoring exercise in relation to the five recommendations agreed by Cabinet as part of the original review; and presented further findings of the Committee from the additional written and oral evidence presented. A number of issues were identified for further consideration as a result of the further evidence received by the Committee and these were highlighted as follows:-

1. That in order to further promote the use of the Directory:

(a) the results of the survey be forwarded to the Anti-Social Behaviour Team for further analysis

(b) a ring-bound copy of the Directory is forwarded to all Members, the Group Rooms and Members' Library with an explanatory letter.

(c) a copy of the Directory be placed on the intranet and be kept updated by asb team

(d) Councillors be notified via e-mail when the Directory is updated.

2. Further work in relation to resourcing of the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service be considered for inclusion into the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee Work Programme
3. An update from the asb team on the development of work with schools and young people be considered for inclusion into the work programme of the Housing and Community Safety and Children and Young People Select Committees
4. Cabinet consider applying the concept of appropriate neighbourhood partnership working across the Borough
5. Cabinet note that the Tristar Board are to be asked to consider the possibility of extending the budget to support out of hours working to deal with anti-social behaviour/noise issues
6. The Head of Legal Services, in conjunction with the Head of Housing, examine the extent to which covenants on Council house sales can be used as a measure against asb
7. The Head of Housing request that Tristar and other RSLs give regular updates to Councillors on anti -social behaviour issues in their wards.
8. The Housing and Community Safety Select Committee receive an annual report on Police Performance and that the District Commander be asked to arrange regular meetings between community based Sergeants and the relevant cluster of Ward Councillors in consultation with SBCs Democratic Services Unit.
9. The Committee recognises the potentially damaging impact upon settled and stable communities that housing allocations can have and that this be further considered together with information on SBCs allocation policy as part of the forthcoming scrutiny review of choice based lettings
10. An examination of the Dundee/Rochdale projects be considered as part of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee's review of choice based lettings where this relates to the allocations policy
11. A seminar be held for all Members of the Council to highlight and promote the work of UNITE and that SBC, Tristar and other RSLs be asked to note the importance of getting earlier referrals to UNITE and review their procedures accordingly.

RESOLVED that:-

1. That in order to further promote the use of the Directory:

(a) the results of the survey be forwarded to the Anti-Social Behaviour Team for further analysis

(b) a ring-bound copy of the Directory is placed within the Members' Library with an explanatory letter ;

(c) a copy of the Directory be placed on the intranet and be kept updated by asb team

(d) Councillors be notified via e-mail when the Directory is updated.

2. Further work in relation to resourcing of the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service be considered by the Executive Scrutiny Committee for inclusion into the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee Work Programme

3. An update from the asb team on the development of work with schools and young people be considered by the Executive Scrutiny Committee for inclusion into the work programme of the Housing and Community Safety and Children and Young People Select Committees

4. The Head of Community Protection be requested to consider applying the concept of appropriate neighbourhood partnership working across the Borough

5. Cabinet note that the Tristar Board are to be asked to note the possibility of extending the budget to support out of hours working to deal with anti-social behaviour/noise issues

6. The proposed examination of the extent to which covenants on Council house sales could be used as a measure against anti social behaviour be refused on the grounds of the legal advice received from the Head of Legal Services which indicated that other legislation was available to the Council that was more likely to be effective in dealing with anti social behaviour;

7. The Head of Community Protection be requested to rationalise the information given by Tristar and other RSLs to Councillors on anti -social behaviour issues in their wards.

8. The Executive Scrutiny Committee consider the work programme of the the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee with a view to that Committee receiving an annual report on Police Performance; and that the Head of Community Protection be authorised to request the District

Commander to arrange regular meetings between community based Sergeants and the relevant cluster of Ward Councillors in consultation with SBCs Democratic Services Unit.

9.The Committee recognises the potentially damaging impact upon settled and stable communities that housing allocations can have and that this be further considered together with information on SBCs allocation policy as part of the scrutiny review of choice based lettings subject to the work programme of the Committee being confirmed by the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

10.An examination of the Dundee/Rochdale projects be considered as part of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee's review of choice based lettings where this relates to the allocations policy; subject to the work programme of the Committee being confirmed by the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

11.UNITE be asked whether they wished to present a seminar for all Members of the Council to highlight and promote their work and that SBC, Tristar and other RSLs be asked to note the importance of getting earlier referrals to UNITE and review their procedures accordingly.

### 3. Reasons for the Decision

1.The Housing and Community Safety Select Committee undertook a review of anti-social behaviour between August 2003 and December 2004. The 5 recommendations proposed as part of the review were endorsed at a meeting of Cabinet on 10 March 2005.

2.Members of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee agreed that a monitoring exercise in relation to the review of anti-social behaviour should be included in the 2005/2006 work programme, and this exercise was undertaken between January and March 2006.

3.Monitoring of previously endorsed recommendations allows the Committee to ascertain the progress towards implementation, how the implementation has impacted on the service, its users, any partners or stakeholders, Members and the Council as a whole, any future plans or timescales and any issues that have emerged since completion of review that might have altered the direction of the service. It also allows the Committee to discover why, if not, the service has been unable to implement any of the recommendations.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

-a ring-bound copy of the Directory be forwarded to all Members, the Group Rooms with an explanatory letter;  
-the Head of Legal Services, in conjunction with the Head of Housing, examine the extent to which covenants on Council house sales can be used as a measure against asb

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Leonard and Roberts each declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the item entitled 'Monitoring Report-Scrutiny Review of Anti Social Behaviour' on the grounds of their membership of Tristar Homes Limited.

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 18th August 2006

Proper Officer  
15 August 2006