

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Report of the Head of Operations (Housing Management & Housing Options)

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report explains that the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy has been reviewed in accordance with Derby Homes key policy review schedule. The Policy has been revised and is brought to the Operational Board for approval.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Operational Board approves the revised Policy.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The revised Policy brings the current Policy up to date, reflecting changes to procedure and practice.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Operational Board approved the current Policy on 28 June 2018. At that time it was necessary to make some very minor changes to the policy that the Operational Board approved .
- 4.2 The current Policy has been reviewed and further updated. It is still largely fit for purpose and only needs relatively minor changes. A copy of the policy is attached at Appendix 1 and tracked changes within the document show proposed changes. In summary, the main changes are highlighted below.
- 4.3 References to “ The Respect Agenda “ have been removed from the policy as this is now an outdated principle. This is in line with best practice nationally and endorsed by RESOLVE ASB of which Derby Homes are corporate members. We are compliant with current legislation and national standards and will incorporate any future changes to regulatory frameworks across ASB Service provision.
- 4.4 Derby Homes has evolved and strengthened its diversionary work over the years with the intention of reducing and/or preventing ASB. Funding has been provided for a number of initiatives to support children and young people involved in ASB.
- 4.5 As well as being key partners of Derby City Council’s Stronger Communities Board, Derby Homes are also members of the Youth Alliance, (a sub-group of that board) working to align funding and youth provision across Derby City. The

- 4.6 Youth Alliance is a cooperative cohort of parties whose aim is to reduce risk and improve wellbeing and services for young people in Derby. The Youth Alliance is currently carrying out a pilot project which Derby Homes have funded. This is delivered through interventions which are preventative and/or diversionary for those at risk of anti-social behaviour and crime in homes and estates that they manage. Derby Homes works closely with the Council and other partners to mitigate the impact of serious crime and ASB on its estates. If the project proves successful Derby Homes will consider contributing to the expansion of the project.
- 4.7 At present Derby Homes are also funding the YMCA to develop a pilot project. The YMCA are an independent charity committed to helping people at times of need. They provide units of accommodation to the most vulnerable young people across Derby. Derby Homes supports YMCA with a community-based mentoring and engagement pilot which includes intensive support, mentoring and community based activities through sports, music and art. The Innovation Project is delivered through a dedicated team working across three organisations which include Derby County Community Trust and Baby People. The ambition of the project is to help all young people with a history of ASB to engage with diversionary activities and improve well-being and educational attainment.

All other alterations are minor word and terminology changes which are clearly highlighted as part of tracked changes in the appendix document.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None, there is a requirement to carry out a periodic review of key policies.

IMPLICATIONS

6. POLICY REVIEW IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This is a key policy of Derby Homes and is included in the Key Policy Review Schedule. In accordance with Derby Homes Board Minute 10/51 this policy will be reviewed no later than 3 years from the date of this meeting.

7. CONSULTATION

The changes to this policy are quite minor and have little impact on customer service. However following the review of a policy it is always necessary to review the procedure which covers in more detail how the service is delivered to customers. Over the coming year the ASB team will be working with the Customer Voice in order to review all aspects of ASB service delivery. As part of this process they will have the opportunity to review the procedure and make suggestions for change. The Operational Board will be updated on the progress made as part of the quarterly ASB updates.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

Financial and Business Plan
Council

Personnel
Environmental
Equalities Impact Assessment
Health & Safety
Risk

If Board Members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact:

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Background Information: None

Supporting Information: None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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