

# ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT TO HOUSING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES WORKING GROUP ON 16 MARCH 2020

### PART A: REPORT

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Anti-Social Behaviour Policy</b>
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<b>DATE:</b>	6 March 2021
<b>EXTN:</b>	37721
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	Residential Services

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b>
Section 218A of the Housing Act 1996 places a duty on social landlords to publish an anti-social behaviour policies and procedures for dealing with reports of anti-social behaviour. This report seeks approval for the adoption of the revised Anti-Social Behaviour Policy 2021 in respect of council housing.

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
Housing and Customer Services Working Group is asked to recommend to Cabinet:  a) The adoption of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy 2021. b) Give delegated authority to the Group Head of Residential Services to make changes to the policy.

<b>1. BACKGROUND</b>
1.1 This policy outlines the Council approach for dealing with ASB. The Council will not tolerate nuisance or anti-social behaviour directed towards our tenants, licensees, their visitors or any others engaged in a lawful activity in the locality of our homes, including our employees, contractors and others acting on our behalf.
1.2 ASB covers the range of behaviours from low-level nuisance to serious harassment, which can damage the quality of life and interfere with the ability of people to use and enjoy their homes and/or community.

1.3	<p>The policy has been developed within the national and local policy context relating to ASB and in accordance with the Regulator of Social Housing's Neighbourhood and Community Standard and aims to demonstrate our commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Providing an accessible and accountable service.</li> <li>b) Taking swift action to protect communities and providing a positive response to reports of anti-social behaviour and being clear to those reporting what we can or cannot do.</li> <li>c) Adopting a supportive approach to working with victims and witnesses, ensuring a victim centred approach.</li> <li>d) Encouraging individual and community responsibility.</li> <li>e) Having a clear focus on prevention and early intervention along with taking robust but incremental approach to tackling anti-social behaviour and only using legal action where proportionate and reasonable.</li> <li>f) Ensuring that we will work with partner agencies to tackle ASB where appropriate, attempting to intervene early and prevent or resolve problems as quickly as possible and using the full range of legal and non-legal tools available to the Council.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>PROPOSAL(S):</b></p> <p>2.1 To adopt the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy 2021.</p>	
3.	<p><b>OPTIONS:</b></p> <p>3.1 To adopt the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy 2021. There are no alternative options as it is a legislative requirement for social housing landlords to have published anti-social behaviour policies and procedures.</p>	
4.	<p><b>CONSULTATION:</b></p>	
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify) Members of the Housing and Customer Services Working Group	✓	
5. <b>ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Financial		✓
Legal		✓

Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		
<b>6. IMPLICATIONS:</b>		
N/A		
<b>7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:</b>		
7.1	The policy will assist the Council to meet its obligations as a social housing landlord in respect of dealing with ASB.	
<b>8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>		
N/A		