

SUBJECT: ASB UPDATE

DIRECTORATE: HOUSING AND INVESTMENT

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Members on the current position with antisocial behaviour in housing properties.

2. Background

2.1 The Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act (2014) gave local authorities increased powers and tools to deal with anti-social behaviour (ASB). Tenancy Services works closely with the Public Protection, Anti-Social Behaviour (PPASB)and Legal Teams to combat ASB and ensure the robust and proportionate management of ASB.

3. Current Position

3.1 As of the end of June, Tenancy Services has opened 22 ASB cases open, as outlined below.

Anti-Social Behaviour cases (YTD):	Year to Date (current)
Ward where ASB took place/ASB category	Number of cases
Abbey	6
Hate-related incidents	1
Noise	5
Birchwood	3
Noise	3
Boultham	6
Verbal abuse/harassment/intimidation/threatening behaviour	1
Noise	5
Carholme	1
Noise	1
Castle	4
Noise	3
Verbal abuse/harassment/intimidation/threatening behaviour	1
Glebe	2
Noise	1
Pets and animal nuisance	1
Minster	3
Noise	1
Pets and animal nuisance	2
Moorland	13
Noise	8
Pets And animal nuisance	1

Verbal abuse/harassment/intimidation/threatening behaviour	4
Park	12
Noise	11
Verbal abuse/harassment/intimidation/threatening behaviour	1
Witham	4
Noise	3
Verbal abuse/harassment/intimidation/threatening behaviour	1
Grand Total	22

4. Key Cases

1. Closure Order served on property (01/06/2022), tenant then terminated tenancy when faced with absolute grounds Notice of Seeking Possession (NOSP).
2. NOSP served for ASB on 05/07/2022. Exhausted all safeguarding and sustainment options. Injunction obtained against her partner prevent him of being on the street or engaging in ASB. Tenant has terminated tenancy.
3. Ongoing injunction application against tenant due to threats against staff and abusive behaviour aimed at H.O and Customer Services.
4. A 14-day Possession order granted on introductory tenancy due to arson 05/05/2022. Tenancy ended 19/05/2022. Significant safeguarding issues as tenant is vulnerable but will not engage with any services. Currently serving a custodial sentence for breach of a CBO.
5. Tenant was convicted of Supply of class A (amongst others). Served with absolute grounds NOSP but terminated on 12/07/2022.
6. Injunction granted end of 2021 for harassment and ASB towards neighbours. Ended up serving a custodial sentence for breaching the injunction. Served with absolute grounds NOSP and eventually terminated with a EOT date of 15/05/2022. (Former employee dealt with the injunction side of this before he retired but we dealt with the possession side)
7. Served NOSP on mandatory grounds in relation to a criminal conviction. Court case will be heard 30/08/22.
8. Served NOSP due to harassment, ongoing anti -social behaviour. Tenant terminated his tenancy.
9. Injunction in place against tenant, court date 9/11/22 to hear against potential breaches.

5. Finance

- 5.1 Finance consulted on staffing costs and project being financed from Invest to Save.

6. Legal implications (including procurement rules)

- 6.1 No further considerations at present.

7. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

7.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

7.2 Project is in accordance with the equality duty impact assessments required from local government.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That Members note the current position relating to Tenancy Sustainment.

Is this a key decision? No

Do the exempt information categories apply? No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? None

List of Background Papers: None

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