

To: City Executive Board

Date: 29 January 2015

Report of: Scrutiny Committee

Title of Report: New Council controls over anti-social behaviour

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To present recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee on new Council controls over anti-social behaviour.

Key decision? No

Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Craig Simmons, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee

Executive lead member: Councillor Dee Sinclair, Executive Member for Crime and Community Response

Policy Framework: Corporate Plan 2014-2018

Recommendations: That the City Executive Board

1. Agree to a Scrutiny Councillor being included in the membership of the oversight group.
2. Agree to City Council officers engaging with Local Area Forums regarding the application of new anti-social behaviour powers.

Introduction

1. The Scrutiny Committee considered a report it had requested which set out new Council powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. The Committee would like to thank Simon Manton and Daryl Edwards for standing in at late notice to answer the Committee's questions, together with Councillor Dee Sinclair.

Summary of the discussion

2. The Committee noted the report and asked a number of questions, including around; how revenues from fines are used, implementation and appeals processes, how Community Protection Orders can be applied to fly tipping, oversight arrangements, information sharing with the police,

and whether Public Space Protection Orders could be applied to the whole of Oxford. The Committee also welcomed a project looking at restorative justice.

3. The Committee requested that information is regularly made available to elected members. The Committee heard that information is available via webpages and Twitter but that an easy guide could also be placed on the members' intranet page.
4. The Committee also suggested that member oversight could be strengthened, and that officers should regularly engage with Local Area Forums.

Recommendation 1 – That a Scrutiny Councillor is included in the membership of the oversight group.

Recommendation 2 – That City Council officers engage with Local Area Forums regarding the application of new anti-social behaviour powers.

Further consideration

5. The Committee requested an annual report on the City Council's usage of anti-social behaviour powers.

Director and Board Member Comments

Recommendations are fine. Happy to have one member from Scrutiny on the oversight group. Good idea on the LA Forum input.

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List of background papers: None