

To: Cabinet
Date: 11 September 2024
Report of: Scrutiny Committee
Title of Report: Anti-Social Behaviour

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	To present Scrutiny Committee recommendations for Cabinet consideration and decision
Key decision:	No
Scrutiny Lead Member:	Councillor Katherine Miles, Scrutiny Committee Chair
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Lubna Arshad, Cabinet Member for a Safer Oxford
Corporate Priority:	Thriving Communities
Policy Framework:	Council Strategy 2024-28
Recommendation(s): That the Cabinet states whether it agrees or disagrees with the recommendations in the body of this report	

Appendices	
Appendix A	Draft Cabinet response to Scrutiny recommendations

Introduction and overview

1. The Scrutiny Committee met on 03 September 2024 to consider an update on Anti-Social Behaviour. The Committee was recommended to receive a presentation followed by an opportunity for discussion; and agree any recommendations.
2. The Committee would like to thank Councillor Lubna Arshad (Cabinet Member for a Safer Oxford) and Richard Adams (Community Safety Service Manager) for attending the meeting to present and answer questions.

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3. Richard Adams, Community Safety Service Manager delivered a presentation which provided an overview of the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour service, relevant legislation and how the Council addressed reports of Anti-Social Behaviour.

4. The Committee asked a range of questions, including questions relating to fly-tipping by HMO landlords and students; littering associated with the closure of recycling facilities; anti-social cycling using illegal e-bikes; enforcement; partnership working; noise nuisance; governance and transparency in relation to which agencies/sub-teams had responsibility for different aspects of anti-social behaviour, including reporting mechanisms; and resourcing.

5. In response to questions, the Committee noted that a key challenge within the Community Safety Service was the management and resourcing of long-term complex cases, as these cases required a multi-agency response and intensive ongoing support and relationship building. This stretched the resources of the teams involved. As a result, the Committee agreed to recommend that future capacity challenges and resource implications should be explored during future budget-setting rounds.

Recommendation 1: That the Council, in the context of budget-setting in future years, conducts a review of the future capacity challenges and resource implications of complex anti-social behaviour cases which the Community Safety Service manages or is involved in with partners.

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