



NORWICH City Council

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Report title: Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

Portfolio: Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources

Report from: Head of legal and procurement

Wards: All wards

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Purpose

To consider the recommendations made by scrutiny committee with respect to how the council addresses anti-social behaviour on 21 September 2023.

Recommendation:

To consider whether to adopt all or some of the recommendations from the scrutiny committee.

Policy framework

The council has five corporate priorities, which are:

- People live independently and well in a diverse and safe city.
- Norwich is a sustainable and healthy city.
- Norwich has the infrastructure and housing it needs to be a successful city.
- The city has an inclusive economy in which residents have equal opportunity to flourish.
- Norwich City Council is in good shape to serve the city.

This report meets the people live independently and well in a diverse and safe city corporate priority.

Report details

1. Members considered how the council addresses anti-social behaviour at the September meeting of the committee. Members received a report and asked questions of the Acting Community Safety Manager, Safer Neighbourhoods Coordinator and the ASB Manager. The deputy leader and cabinet member for housing and community safety also attended the meeting.
2. Members heard how the ASB team had been undertaking a programme of training and how had this resulted in an increase in staff confidence and a professionalisation of the role.
3. Members heard about work undertaken in the Safer Neighbourhood Areas and learning that would be taken forward from this work including building capacity in other teams to respond to requests for support and improving resident engagement.
4. Members considered how to record outcomes for work undertaken by the Community Enabling Team which might impact on ASB.
5. Members discussed CCTV provision across the city and the use of redeployable cameras and how important the role of joint working with the police was.
6. Members heard about how the Community Safety team worked with other council teams and partners and the role of multi agency working in promoting community safety. In particular they considered the success of a series of presentations given to partner agencies to increase understanding of the role of the team.
7. Members thanked the officers for their time and hard work and were complimentary of the work that had been developed in the service to improve ASB outcomes. Given this, the thrust of the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee focus on whether the positive work achieved could be extended to the benefit of the City as follows:

Recommendation	Rationale	Implications/ resource requirements
Consider whether the positive outcomes achieved by the ASB team justifies an increase in resource and funding for the service;	To increase the positive impact of the work of the team.	To consider how best to increase positive impacts might mean building capacity in other council teams. Officer time to consider best model to achieve an increase in positive outcomes. Inevitably, any increase in budget and resources would need

		to be factored into the Council's future budget.
Thank the officers and the ASB team for the work they are doing and continue to do;	Recognition of the good work of the team.	None
Continue to prioritise the service and support the ongoing training and development programme and ensure sufficient funding is available to achieve its objectives;	To recognise the success of the service and to ensure this continues.	Resource implication in terms of funding for training and development.
Expand the resources given to the programme of presentations to other partners;	In recognition of the importance of partnership working and how this had increased understanding and improved working relationships with other agencies.	Officer time to review what resource required to expand programme.
Consider whether the resources for the safer neighbourhood scheme can be increased given the successful outcomes achieved from the scheme and consider the outcomes of the scheme;	In recognition of the success of the scheme could this be expanded upon.	Officer and member time to consider availability of resources. Inevitably, any increase in budget and resources would need to be factored into the Council's future budget
Consider lessons learnt from the locational approach trialled for the safer neighbourhood initiative and how this can be expanded for other neighbourhoods;	To ensure learning acted upon and consider how outcomes can be replicated in other areas.	Increasing capacity to deliver infers greater staff time which would have to be funded. Officer time to scope and deliver projects.
Provide a briefing event for all Councillors on the PREVENT scheme	To ensure councillors are able to respond appropriately to extremist threats.	Officer time to arrange training and cost of delivery.
Consider surveying anti-social behaviour in areas where the community	To reflect the holistic approach of the council and its aim to support	Challenging to measure outcomes of community development work as

enabling team have focused to assess the impact of their work	the building of more resilient neighbourhoods. To monitor the efficacy of work delivered in areas.	impacts can be generational. Officer time to consider and propose suitable model to measure outcomes and then resource implications to deliver.
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Consultation

8. There has been no specific consultation on these proposals.

Implications

Financial and resources

9. Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the council's stated priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan 2022-26 and budget.
10. Any additional financial requirements where activities cannot be undertaken within existing resources will need to be subject to further consideration, and approval through a business case. This will need to include an appropriate funding source being identified and/ or being built into future years' budget processes.

Legal

11. The proposals largely request that Cabinet consider exploring specific matters further. If these result in formal business cases, the legal implications will require due consideration at that time.

Statutory considerations

Consideration	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and diversity	None
Health, social and economic impact	The aim of the recommendations is to increase resident's feelings of community safety which impact these areas.
Crime and disorder	To reduce the impact and occurrences of crime and disorder.
Children and adults safeguarding	Measures help to promote safeguarding.
Environmental impact	None

Risk management

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
None at this stage.		

Other options considered

12. There have been no other options considered for this report, as it is a factual report based on the outcome of committee meetings that have already taken place.

Reasons for the decision/recommendation

13. This report will allow cabinet to make a decision on whether or not to take forward some or all of the recommendations.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None

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