



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Community Services and Licensing

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SUBJECT: Anti Social Behaviour Policy –Ryedale District Council
Anti Social Behaviour Policy – Housing Services, RDC Managed Properties

WARDS AFFECTED: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval of the policies with regard to Anti Social Behaviour in Ryedale.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members approve the policies detailed (as attached). These include:

- Ryedale District Council ASB Policy.
- Housing Services ASB Policy for RDC Managed Properties.

3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION

The policies provide guidance for members of the public living, visiting or working in Ryedale and staff within Ryedale District Council, on what the Council will do with regard to complaints of anti social behaviour.

Adoption of the enclosed policies supports sustained enforcement action with regard to the control and reduction of ASB in Ryedale.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Sections 5 and 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, The Housing Act 1996, and the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003, deal with many of the problems affecting the community, which are linked to anti-social behaviour, vandalism, disorder and levels of crime:

- It provides local authorities, housing associations, parish and community councils with more effective powers and tools to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- In particular the Act includes sections on crime and disorder, nuisance, abandoned vehicles, litter, graffiti, waste, noise and dogs.

- 4.2. No formal policy exists with responsibility on the local authority to address anti Social behaviour issues in their district. Ryedale District Council needs to have a policy in place to respond to this.
- 4.3 Although the Council transferred its housing stock to Ryedale Housing Association in 1991 it has a Management Agreement with the Association for various properties which are used as temporary accommodation for persons who have presented as homeless to the authority and more recently has entered into a lease agreement with a private sector landlord for a property in Malton, namely 37 Castlegate. This property will be used to accommodate predominantly young single people who have presented to the authority as homeless with the Council having the full responsibilities of a landlord. This includes having regard for the welfare of residents and ensuring that the property is managed in a responsible manner so as not to have a detrimental effect on other residents in the immediate vicinity. This policy will enable the Council to fulfil its obligations in this respect not only with regard to 37 Castlegate but any other properties in the future which may be managed within the terms of any similar agreement.

5.0 REPORT

To ensure a firm, and consistent approach to enforcement action by the Ryedale District Council, two policies have been attached for member's approval for adoption.

Ryedale District Council ASB Policy - Briefly Comprises:

- Introduction
- Purpose of the Policy
- Definition of Anti Social Behaviour
- The Ryedale Approach
- The Council Aims
- Multi Agency Working
- Enforcement Objectives
- Complainant and Witness Support
- The Anti Social Behaviour Process
- Information and Confidentiality Issues
- Policy on Threatening Behaviour Towards Staff
- Flowchart for ASB Complaints to RDC

Housing Services ASB Policy for RDC Managed Properties - Briefly comprises:

- General
- What is Anti Social Behaviour
- Early Intervention
- Working in Partnership
- Firm Action to tackle Serious Anti Social Behaviour
- Providing Support
- Conclusion

6.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from these reports.

7.0 Risk Assessment

See report

8.0 Conclusion

The success of the District Councils work on anti social behaviour will be measured by communities perception of anti social behaviour in their area. Community Safety is an increasingly important priority both locally and nationally. At a local level, the work of the Safer Ryedale Partnership is vitally important in establishing best practice in addressing local issues. Setting out the way that Ryedale District Council and Housing Services will deal with issues of Anti Social Behaviour will ensure that the already established good practice is maintained and sets a standard for the whole of Ryedale.

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