



Title: Putting Our Communities First: A Strategy for Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

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SCS topic headings: Personal Safety, Safety in Public Spaces (ASB), Environmental Safety (ASB), Evaluation and Monitoring, Community Engagement, Offending Management, Partnership Working

This document is a REVIEW of suggested effective intervention approaches.

Summary of the intervention's aim

This consultation document presents a series of proposed interventions and management measures that outlines the [2003] Executive's strategy for tackling anti-social behaviour, and set out the first stage in a wider programme for the second term of the Scottish Parliament. The areas of intervention presented here is a community focused strategy to tackle anti-social behaviour: a 'flexible' framework for 'effective' action based on community engagement and partnership working/agreements credited as a suitable means of intervention.

The consultation questions are listed under each theme and a collective summary of all questions is also listed on pages 67-72. NB. Responses to this consultation document closed in September 2003.

The document may serve well as reference to the Executive's policy consultation processes and any subsequent policy, practice and processes. For practitioner consideration it may also highlight community-level issues of concern regarding a wide range of anti-social behaviour.

Outcomes

The following topics are the focus of the Scottish Executive's consultation with readers of this document. The overview presented here are Executive's areas of interest and proposed methods through which to introduce change. Under each section the document details the questions the Executive sought feedback about.

A definition of anti-social behaviour (page 7)

Causes of anti-social behaviour (page 10)

A list of **community-related educational, health and regeneration programmes** are highlighted to illustrate the range and scope of programmes to address anti-social behaviour (pages 11-12)

Protecting and Empowering Communities

- Anti-social behaviour strategies
- Community-based anti-social behaviour initiatives
- Community reparation orders in the criminal justice system
- Protection for victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour

Preventing Anti-Social Behaviour- Children and Families

- Acceptable behaviour contracts
- Anti-social behaviour orders for under-16s
- Greater use of reparation in the Children's Hearings system
- Electronic monitoring of under-16s
- Parenting orders- putting children first
- Local authority accountability

Safe, Secure and Attractive Communities

- Litter, fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles
- Graffiti
- Noise nuisance
- Fireworks
- Anti-social behaviour and housing

Effective Enforcement

- Fixed penalty notices for anti-social behaviour
- Dispersal of groups
- Making anti-social behaviour orders more effective
- Licensed premises and police powers
- Closure notices.

Summary of evaluation conclusions

In this consultation document the Scottish Executive presents a wide ranging list of interventions and measures to address the causes and effects of anti-social behaviour in local communities. It is also emphasised that tackling anti-social behaviour requires collective effort by no individual organisation alone. Rather local authorities, social services, schools, the police, environmental health officers, businesses and residents require the active support of central government (page 7).

The document may prove a useful reference to either in-house day-to-day project or management queries or as an information source for more substantive project or strategic planning.

How the evaluation gathered information for findings and conclusions

The proposals for effective intervention presented in this document can be considered being based on and refer to Scottish Executive political rhetoric. A number of Scottish datasets and Scottish Executive reports are used to illustrate the then [2003] state of crime and anti-social behaviour context (pages 8-9).

Further details about the SCS evaluation of this report are available on request.

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