

**CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2014
COMMITTEE ROOM 1**

BRIEFING NOTE FOR MEMBERS

Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation Update

As of the 20th October 2014 Newcastle Borough Council in line with National legislative changes had some amended and new powers introduced to provide a more stream lined approach to take action against individuals who are perpetrators of anti-social behaviour. The new powers introduced under the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2014 included:-

- **Criminal Behaviour Orders** to replace Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Orders
- **Dispersal Powers** to provide individuals who have or are likely to commit asb to leave a specified area and not return for up to 48 hours
- **Community Protection** includes **Community Protection Notices** which replaces litter clearing notices, defacement removal notices and street litter control notices. **Public Spaces Protection Orders** that are put in place to deal with particular nuisance and problems in a particular area that is detrimental to the local communities quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area. We are currently putting action plans in place as to priority areas and longer term plans to seek these orders at designated locations of benefit and reviewing the Alcohol Prohibition Zones.. **Closure Notices / Orders** covers licensed and non-licensed premises including pubs clubs and rowdy premises.
- **Recovery of Possession of Dwelling Houses** a new ground for housing providers to utilise to speed up the process in the most serious of cases of anti-social behaviour bringing faster relief to victims and communities.
- **Community Trigger** Allows residents victim of anti-social behaviour who have complained to the statutory agencies (Police, Housing Providers, Local Authority) three or more times in a six month period to instigate their community trigger for a full Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review to be heard via a designated panel run through the Newcastle Partnership HUB. Since the 20th October 2014 Newcastle-under-Lyme has received two community triggers, both of which met the criteria for a full case review and have now been completed.

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders are due to be replaced by Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions in the very near future.

The agreement made by partners and Newcastle Borough Council have put in place processes to cater for all of the above to be implemented where necessary.

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