

¹Notes from Meeting 23rd February 2006

Present: Councillors Chas Baily, Alan Browne & John Piasecki
Ian Boswell, Safer Communities Manager
Jo Simpkins, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator

The Council's activities on ASB are carried out through the Safer Communities Team which includes a Team Manager, a CADIS Analyst, an Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator and a Team Administrator. It also includes representatives from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team, the Youth Offending Team and Neighbourhood Watch. Representatives from the Council's Safer Communities Team form part of Bracknell Forest's Safer Communities Strategic Partnership. The Partnership is made up of the Local Authority, the Police, the Fire Service, the Primary Care Trust and the Police Authority, all of which are statutory partners. Other non-statutory partners are also represented in the Partnership. The funding for much of the work, including anti-social behaviour, carried out through the Partnership is through direct grants, such as the Safer, Stronger Communities Fund and the BCU fund.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator chairs a multi-agency Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group which meets monthly. This group co-ordinates the Partnership's work in relation to ASB and uses a number of different approaches to gather data and make decisions around individuals and locations. Other relevant groups to the work of anti-social behaviour are the Priority Prolific Offenders (PPO) Group which monitors and assesses the key known offenders in the Borough through their relationships with the relevant agencies – DAAT, YOT etc, and the Bracknell Businesses Against Crime (BBAC) group which co-ordinates a business approach to ASB. Another relevant scheme run across the borough is that of Shopwatch. This operates at all local shopping parades and is co-ordinated through the police and Neighbourhood Watch, liaising closely with the Safer Communities Team.

Action to be Taken

Jo Simpkins to look at possibility of providing past and future minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group meetings. It is presumed that the minutes would be anonymised before being supplied. This will give the Scrutiny Working Group an insight into issues considered by the ASB Working Group.

An ASBO was due for processing in court on 28.02.06. The YOT will ask the recipient of the ASBO if he would consider talking to the Scrutiny Working Group so we can understand the issues from his, and his family's, point of view. We are awaiting an outcome on this issue.

As part of the Shop Watch scheme Great Hollands Square has supplied names and details of ASB offenders to the Police and the Safer Communities Team. The Town Centre retailers, through B:BAC, have also supplied names which dovetailed with the PPO scheme and is expected to trigger some new work in that area. Great Hollands

¹ **Appendix A**

Square retailers supplied names and addresses of the most persistent offenders to the local Neighbourhood Officer. Again it would be useful for us to shadow any new initiatives taken, and we ask the SCSP to consider this request. It would be useful if our working group could follow some of the work in processing this information around offenders and locations. It is important for us to understand the process from a complaint about ASB through to the engagement of the offenders in the relevant level of intervention or enforcement. As Councillors we need to be aware of how the ASB Strategy works in practice, so that we can be seen to be effectively scrutinising our own Policies.

We would like to meet with representatives from the YOT, DAAT and mediation service and we ask Ian Boswell to progress this matter. This may be in hand already with Daphne Obang so Ian needs to liaise with her to ensure we are not duplicating our approaches.

I will liaise with Jo to get more a more detailed list of the structures and membership of the SCSP and SCT. I will also follow up on the funding issues as this will form part of the initial report to the Scrutiny Panel.

John Piasecki