

## LASBT Review

Date: 07/05/2021

Report of: Chief Officer, Safer Leeds

Report to: Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Board

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

### **What is this report about?**

#### **Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions**

The report is to update the Board on the outcome of the LASBT review, which was implemented in 2019

The review was completed due to the nature of the issues facing LASBT having evolved, an increase in demand for the service and LASBT was also responding to a far greater number of complex cases and high-risk incidents.

The volume of incoming referrals relating to noise nuisance, in particular, was significantly limiting the team's ability to deliver much needed work around prevention, intervention and community empowerment.

The breadth of issues being referred also increased. The interpretation of many people outside of the service of what constitutes 'anti-social behaviour' expanded, with ASB becoming a 'catch all' for activity ranging from minor instances of noise nuisance to serious criminal activity.

The positive impacts of the review included ensuring people will feel safer across the city, increasing community cohesion as people feel safer in their neighbourhoods, ensuring there is a coordinated response to ASB and clear expectations given to public on what the service can provide.

The work reflects the ambitions set out within the 'Safe, Strong Communities' Best City priority within the Best Council Plan 2020-2025.

#### **Recommendations -**

Members are asked to note the contents of the report

#### **Why is the proposal being put forward?**

The Board was updated on the initial implementation of the recommendations that came out of the LASBT review during 2020/21 and asked for a further update on progress during 2021/22.

## What impact will this proposal have?

### Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

1. Consultation was carried out with all Ward Members and stake holders at the time of implementation  
Updates have been previously provided at Scrutiny  
The work around the Triage was reviewed at six months and at twelve months with ward members and housing.  
Ward members have been updated regarding the Location of the West Team  
Police referrals process was reviewed by Triage and WYP

## What are the resource implications?

2. Resource is currently in place in line with what was agreed initially, however due to a huge increase in the number of enquiries received within the Triage system we have had to provide additional support to the service. This additional support has been provided via the re-allocation pool and staff that have been asked to carry out reasonable duties due to their current circumstances.

## What are the legal implications?

3. The team works in accordance with several legislative frameworks relating to the role they carry out. These are enshrined in law to support victims of statutory nuisance and ASB.  
Summary as follows:-
  - The Environmental Protection act 1990.
  - The Anti-social behaviour, crime and policing act 2014
  - The Equality act.

## What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

4. Work is ongoing at a senior leadership level regarding repurposing of roles to seek extra resource within the Triage due to the huge surge in enquires  
We have developed the THRIVE risk assessment process to enable us to identify risk within the service request. Due to the volume there is also a preliminary assessment done by officer on every case so high risk vulnerable cases are processed first.

## Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

## Appendices

1a - LASBT Review Updates

2a – Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

## Background papers