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<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Safety in the Community
<b>Subject:</b>	Private Sector Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator Role
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Report by:</b>	James Hill - Director for Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services
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<b>Wards affected:</b>	All

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**1. Requested by**

- 1.1. Cllr. Fazackarley - Cabinet member for Safety in the Community

**2. Purpose**

- 2.1. To update the cabinet member on the progress of the role of the private sector anti-social behaviour co-ordinator (PS ASB co-ordinator).

**3. Background**

- 3.1. Members reported an increasing amount of casework related to private sector ASB. The Private Sector ASB unit had been disbanded over time and management of these issues would be handled by the different departments and partner agencies involved. This sometimes meant that it was not clear what was happening or what actions different agencies were taking. Funding was provided to employ a PS ASB co-ordinator for 12 months. The purpose of this role is to identify relevant agencies needed to work together to resolve issues and act as a co-ordinator and manage the case unless another agency needs to lead on a single issue (eg noise nuisance).
- 3.2. The role sits within the Community Safety team within Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services directorate and is closely linked to the Community Warden team - who receive demands related to private sector ASB.
- 3.3. The role was appointed to and began taking cases from 13 June 2022.

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- 3.4. Whilst in post the PS ASB co-ordinator has managed 161 cases with 71 - advice, 20 no further action, 70 resolved and a further 11 ongoing (not shown below):

ASB/OTHER	107
DOG CONTROL ORDER	1
DOG PATROL	1
DRUG RELATED	10
NUISANCE VEHICLE	1
PARK ISSUES	1
PRIVATE LAND	10
ROUGH SLEEPER	2
TRADE WASTE	1
WASTE-OTHER	13
YOUTH NUISANCE	14

- 3.5. The PS ASB co-ordinator has built relationships with relevant departments, external agencies and attends the Community Tasking & Co-ordinating Group (CTCG). The postholder also deputises for the Community Safety Manager at the Police daily briefing.
- 3.6. The PS ASB co-ordinator is dealing with cases that would previously been received by the SafeCleanTidy team and may have been dealt with by community wardens where appropriate. However, this postholder is able to hold onto cases which previously may have been dealt with by a number of staff over a period of time and is also able to work with other departments on specific issues to a resolution. This has led to more effective actions and a clear process for more complex ASB cases.
- 3.7. Whilst this postholder has been established as a contact point for PS ASB enquiries or issues that are not solved easily, more straightforward reports of ASB are still managed by Community Wardens.
- 3.8. Funding for this post ends on 13 June 2023. The post will be funded going forward from the Community Safety budget subject to the Council's budget setting process.

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Signed by James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

**Appendices:**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location