

Brighton & Hove City Council

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Meeting: Community Safety Forum

Date: 8th January 2007

Report of: Head of Community Safety

Subject: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour: through Enforcement and Family Support

Wards affected: All

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a presentation that will be made to the Community Safety Forum to describe joint approaches taken by the Children and Young Peoples Trust and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership which aim to reduce disorder and engender respect within communities.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members of the Community Safety Forum are asked to discuss and suggest any other ways which they feel may help to tackle antisocial behaviour in the city.

3.0 Information

3.1 The Anti-Social Behaviour Team (in the Partnership Community Safety Team) is largely funded directly by the Home Office and following on from early successful work in tackling street drinking, was awarded Trailblazer status two to three years ago. That status now extends to include all the work of the Team, much of which is delivering interventions to prevent the escalation of unacceptable behaviour which impacts negatively in local neighbourhoods. These interventions include the Intensive Family Intervention Programme which targets families where there are often unmet needs which are contributing to offending behaviour and possible loss of home as a result.

3.2 In recent months the Partnership Community Safety Team has worked closely with the Children and Young Peoples Trust, benefiting from a successful bid which has enabled the development of further

parenting support initiatives, including those which are to be targeted towards those families who are experiencing most difficulty. Further links have also been with the Youth Offending Team who together with the police, have initiated a 'Prevent and Deter' action plan around which a wider partnership Prevention Strategy is being developed.

3.3 The presentation to the Forum will therefore advise Members of:

- Positive work with young people to prevent the escalation of anti-social behaviour and offending, through both enforcement and street outreach work and with individual young people
- The Intensive Family Intervention Project, its progress and aims for the coming year
- A city wide programme of Parenting Support
- The action being taken to help develop respect in neighbourhoods and in the City centre.

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