

### **Appendix 3**

**Priority Area:** Improving Services for Young People/ Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

**Objective:** To reduce anti social behaviour in Birkenhead.

#### **Background Information:**

Anti Social Behaviour is a significant problem in Birkenhead, 8140 incidences were report between 1st April 2014 and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014. It is also clear from consultation with residents that the volume is higher but a lot are not getting reported.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014. It introduces a suite of new powers, rationalising and extending local authorities' capacity to tackle anti-social behaviour. It also gives victims and local people a greater say in the approaches being taken locally (Other measures in the Act relate to dangerous dogs, forced marriages and firearms and policing standards in England and Wales).

The Act seeks to rationalise the existing suite of tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour, reducing nineteen remedies to six. This includes replacing the well publicised Anti-Social Behaviour Order. The six new powers are listed below :

- Civil Injunction
- Criminal Behaviour Order`
- Dispersal Power
- Community Protection Notice
- Public Spaces Protection Order
- Closure of Premises

Practitioners across Wirral have developed a multi agency protocol to ensure that the Act is implemented both effectively and efficiently. This protocol is in place to ensure that for the victims of anti-social behaviour in Wirral each agency will approach anti-social behaviour in a co-ordinated way to minimise the risk of duplication of response or of a victim being 'bounced from one agency to another and then back again' in respect of the more formal tools available to tackle the issue. It is recognise that each agency will have its own policy and procedures that it will engage when dealing with anti-social behaviour so therefore does not address how each agency will deal with ASB where it can be effectively challenged with an early informal intervention. Whilst the Whilst the government has sought to reduce bureaucracy by minimising the requirements for consultation, at a local level the protocol helps to ensure that action is co-ordinated across services and agencies and information and intelligence shared, to reduce duplication and ensure the most effective action is taken at a time of decreasing resources.

**Project Description:** To appoint an organisation to deliver an outreach service in Birkenhead that will provide 'on the street' engagement and presence to reduce anti social behaviour. The service will:

- engage with young people and gather research on groups/individuals causing Anti Social Behaviour
- carry out targeted work with individuals making them aware of youth centres and young person related activities in their area,
- signpost young people to support and advice services where necessary utilising existing systems in Wirral.
- identify and protect any young people who are vulnerable due to their own behaviour - for example: drinking alcohol,
- challenge, and where necessary, report to any anti-social behaviour and/or inappropriate behaviour they witness to the appropriate body including Police, Local Authority, Housing Associations; whilst working with in the Wirral's Joint working multi agency protocol to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour .

**Provider:** A tender process will be carried out to appoint a provider.

**Available Budget:** £ 35,000