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Report of: Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee
Meeting of: Executive
Date: 5 September 2024
Ward(s): All
Decision No: I029288

Subject: Complex Anti-Social Behaviour – Report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. This report requests that the Executive receive the report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee following the completion of its review into Complex ASB. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2. That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Committee's recommendations.

3. Background

- 3.1 The review was held between July 2023 and March 2024. The overall aim of the review was to review the local arrangements for managing anti-social behaviour, particularly in relation to complex cases that involve joint-working between council services, Police, housing providers, social care, mental health services, and other agencies.
- 3.2 The Committee also agreed to the following objectives:
- To evaluate the current framework for joint working between agencies on complex cases of anti-social behaviour, to assess the strengths of our current approach, and to consider how this can be developed further.
 - To understand the challenges faced in managing complex cases of anti-social behaviour, and how these can be overcome.
 - To consider how the council communicates and engages with local residents on issues related to anti-social behaviour and to review how to best support local communities affected.
 - To assess the council's work in tackling the root causes of anti-social behaviour, early intervention approaches, and how partner organisations, including the voluntary sector, can contribute to this.
 - To consider how the local response to anti-social behaviour supports the council's objective of tackling inequality
- 3.3 In undertaking the review, the Committee met with local residents, key partner organisations including representatives of the NHS, Police and local housing providers, and a range of council officers. The Committee concluded that Islington Council should aspire to take a "public health" approach to anti-social behaviour, focused on early intervention, robust use of data and reducing risk and harm. The evidence received by the committee highlighted several areas of good practice in the council's work to respond to complex anti-social behaviour, in particular the strength in partnership working arrangements, and the commitment and focus of staff in achieving the best results for residents. The committee's recommendations are intended to help further develop this work.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

- 4.1.1 The proposals in the report need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

4.2. Legal Implications

- 4.2.1 Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

4.3. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

4.3.1 Any environmental implications will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

4.4. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

4.4.1. The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

4.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report. Any equality impacts will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

5.1 Nine recommendations have been made in response to the evidence received. The Committee would like to thank all the witnesses that gave evidence in relation to the review. The Executive is asked to endorse the Committee's recommendations.

Appendices:

- Report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee – Complex ASB

Background papers:

- None

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