

**Committee: Cabinet**

**Agenda Item**

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**Title: Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure**

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Item for decision

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### **Summary**

1. In response to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and following a period of public consultation, the council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures have been fully reviewed and amended.
2. This policy and the related procedures will replace all previous policies or procedures and if approved by Cabinet will be implemented from 1 January 2015.

### **Recommendation**

3. That the Cabinet approves for adoption the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures

### **Financial Implications**

4. None

### **Impact**

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Communication/Consultation	Tenants newsletter and council website, distribution to all partner agencies
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	EIA has been carried out
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	All wards
Workforce/Workplace	All UDC staff

## Situation

6. The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, 2014 is a large and important piece of legislation which makes fundamental changes to a wide range of areas of local authority and police activity including, anti-social behaviour (ASB) powers.
7. The Act is intended to introduce simpler, more effective powers to tackle ASB that provide better protection for victims and communities. The intention is that the new Community Trigger and Community Remedy will empower victims and communities, giving them a greater say in how agencies respond to complaints of ASB.
8. In response to the new Act the council has now fully reviewed its ASB Policy and Procedures.
9. Following a period of public, member and stakeholder consultation the ASB Policy and Procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Housing Board and it has recommended their adoption by Cabinet.

## Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The Council's ASB policy does not reflect current ASB legislation	3 – the current policy reflects legislation that has now been updated	3 – reputational risk to council if cases of ASB are not being dealt with by the most current powers available to the council	The proposed changes bring the ASB Policy and Procedures in line with current legislation
Dissatisfaction amongst complainants if cases of ASB are not dealt with in the manner expected under ASB legislation	3 – complainants will be able to make ombudsman complaints if matters not dealt with correctly	3 – reputational and financial risk to the council if complaints upheld and compensation payments required	All departments of the council will have access to policy and procedures that give clear guidelines as to how complaints of ASB will be dealt with. Staff will also receive training

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.