



COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD

23 APRIL 2025

DRAFT ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Report by Chief Officer, Education and Children's Services

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to provide an update on the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Following a Report to the Community Safety Board in November 2024 the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Action Plan went out for consultation during March and April 2025. The consultation sought to harness the views of Community Councils across Na Eileanan an Iar in the first instance. A similar but separate consultation was created to seek the views of young people.
- 2.2 It is proposed to update the Strategy and Action Plan to reflect the comments received through the consultation and circulate the revised Strategy and Action Plan to partner agencies for their comments. A final draft of the Strategy and Action Plan would be presented to the Board in September 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle note the Report and that the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Action Plan 2024-29 would be updated to reflect the comments received through the consultation following which the revised Strategy and Action Plan would be circulated to partner agencies for their comments.**

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Appendix 1:	Community Council Consultation Responses
Appendix 2:	Young People Consultation Responses
Background Papers:	Anti-Social Behaviour Report – September 2024
	Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan 2024-29 Report – November 2024



IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

Resource Implications	Implications/None
Financial	None
Legal	Section 143 – Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004.
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
Strategic Implications	Implications/None
Risk	None
Equalities/Child Rights	UNCRC - Article 15.
Corporate Strategy	Safeguarding the most vulnerable in our society.
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	Detailed in the Report.

BACKGROUND

- 5.1 Local agencies – local authorities, Police Scotland, the children’s hearing system, the courts and registered social landlords – need to work together to tackle antisocial behaviour. They also need to work closely with local people, because they are the ones who experience anti-social behaviour, and they need to be involved in developing the solutions. Anti-social behaviour strategies, covering each council area in Scotland, provide the basis for promoting co-ordinated action to prevent and tackle anti-social behaviour in local communities.
- 5.2 The Comhairle aspires to deliver a high standard and quality service to all clients involved in antisocial behaviour, both to the complainant and the alleged offender. The revised Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, when implemented should help people within the community to understand the role the Comhairle and partner agencies have in helping prevent and resolve disputes and tackling anti-social behaviour.
- 5.3 Following a Report to the Community Safety Board in November 2024 the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Action Plan went out for consultation during March and April 2025. The consultation sought to harness the views of Community Councils across Na Eileanan an Iar in the first instance. A similar but separate consultation was created to seek the views of young people.
- 5.4 Although limited responses were received (11/27 Community Councils and 46 responses from young people) useful information was gleaned from the responses. Results from both consultations are reflected in the Report.

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- 6.1 From the survey sent to Community Councils, 54% of respondents felt the Strategy wouldn’t have a positive impact on communities although 27% felt it would have a partial impact. 18% felt it would have an impact in the community.



- 6.2 Some respondents indicated that, due to the age of those offending, (under 16's) and any consequences, there would be little impact. Community Service was suggested as a useful consequence for Anti-Social Behaviour. Other responses from the consultation suggested the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Action Plan was considered vague with clearer outcomes needed and partner agencies identified. The majority of responses (36%) were from the 46-55 age category.
- 6.3 The consultation questions for young people were created in conjunction with the local MSYP (member of the Scottish Youth Parliament) who helped shape the questions. Some young people who responded to the consultation shared that they had experienced anti-social behaviour in their community/school and made suggestions that there should be more activities for young people such as clubs/groups and compassion should be taught/encouraged from a young age, in an effort to counteract it. The majority of responses were received from young people aged 16-19 (47%).

CONCLUSION

- 7.1 It is proposed to update the Strategy and Action Plan to reflect the comments received during the consultation and circulate the revised Strategy and Action Plan to partner agencies for their comments. A final draft of the Strategy and Action Plan would be presented to the Board in September 2025.

