



## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY – CONSULTATION UPDATE

Report by Chief Officer, Education and Children's Services

### PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to update members and outline the approach to wider consultation with partners agencies on the Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy following receipt of feedback regarding a need for wider consultation.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Following a first round of consultation and engagement on the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, it was identified that further consultation is required with a larger group of stakeholders. The initial draft report was tabled at a meeting of the Children and Young Peoples' Planning Partnership in April 2025 and it was initially agreed to seek the views of community councils and residents across the island chain.
- 2.2 An online consultation form was created and issued. Responses were received from 11/27 Community Councils and 46 responses from young people. Although responses were limited, useful information was gathered from these responses to inform updates to the draft.
- 2.3 The Strategy and Action Plan have been updated to reflect the comments received through the consultation and the revised Strategy and Action Plan will be circulated to partner agencies for their comments. A final draft of the Strategy and Action Plan would be presented to the Board in November 2025.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Comhairle note the Report.

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Appendix: Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy  
Background papers



## IMPLICATIONS

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

Resource Implications	Implications/None
Financial	None
Legal	None
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
Strategic Implications	Implications/None
Risk	n/a
Equalities/Child Rights	Supports UNCRC/Youth Participation principles
Corporate Strategy	Supports Community Empowerment/Community Engagement
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	Detailed in the Report

## BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy went out for consultation during March and April 2025. The consultation sought to harness the views of communities across the Western Isles in the first instance. A similar but separate consultation was created to seek the views of young people across the island chain. Results from both consultations showed a varied understanding in the definition of anti-social behaviour, all of which are relevant.

### DRAFT ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY CONSULTATION

- 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. Some of the rationale for these responses was 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 Plan was considered vague with clearer outcomes needed and partner agencies identified. The majority of responses (36%) were from the 46-55 age category.
- 6.2 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, to counteract it. The majority of responses were received from young people aged 16-19 (47%)

## CONCLUSION

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