

Overview and Scrutiny



Task and Finish Group Proforma

This proforma has been designed to capture the information that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will need in order to decide which task and finish groups to establish.

This proforma can be completed by individual councillors on their own or by colleagues working together and support is available. If you would like support in completing this proforma, you can approach the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, one of the Select Committee Chairs or any member of the Scrutiny team.

<p>Proposed title <i>This should be written as a question. What is the main question that you are looking to answer? Ideally use "how" i.e. "How can we improve.....XXX?"</i></p>	<p>How council services provide new and impactful solutions to antisocial behaviour so that residents can live in peaceful and secure neighbourhoods?</p>
<p>Overview <i>Provide 2-3 sentences explaining the proposed investigation in more detail including the key areas that you are proposing to look at.</i></p>	<p>While Lewisham has been going through a transition of services from Lewisham Homes to Lewisham Council, the reported number of ASB incidents have risen. This is something that is seen borough wide.</p> <p>An In-house overview of the ASB Teams, how they link with Safer Community Policy and the involvement of outside agencies such as the police and Youth Justice Services.</p> <p>How services continue to link with those affected by ASB.</p>
<p>Reason for proposal <i>Why do you think that a task and finish group is the most appropriate way to address this issue / answer this question? Where has the suggestion come from? (i.e. through resident engagement, casework, external inspection, performance information.)</i></p>	<p>Many of the reports highlight a communal stairway or greenspace being used to commit ASB</p> <p>Residents constantly report (as indicated on casework) to their local councillor and the police.</p> <p>While patrols are, where possible being increased, this is still not addressing how to deal with the on-going situation that we find ourselves in.</p> <p>Nor does this help our residents who are feeling bombard by repeated incidents,</p>
<p>Policy Context <i>How does the proposal support delivery of the Lewisham Corporate Strategy; national/regional policies, initiatives; legislation etc.</i></p>	<p>Be accountable to our residents, Lewisham council is committed to ensuring tenants and leaseholders feel safe in their homes and neighbourhood.</p> <p>What preventative measures and diversionary activities i.e risk assessments/community engagement tools are used and how effect are these in practice.</p> <p>What level of enforcement can be imposed – do warning letters have an impact on behaviour.</p> <p>What level of enforcement can be imposed when the ASB is in communal open/greenspaces.</p>
<p>Criteria for the investigation <i>(Essential)</i></p>	<p>Across the borough there has a been a rise in reported ASB, and the crime rates have increased vastly recently, making this a very timely investigation.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is the proposed investigation timely? Why?</i> • <i>Is it a strategic and significant issue? How?</i> • <i>Is it of concern to one or more sections of the population? Who?</i> <p><i>(Desirable)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is the issue of concern to partners or stakeholders? How?</i> • <i>Will the investigation add value in terms of improving the council's or partner's performance or service delivery? How?</i> • <i>Will the investigation be duplicating any other work? What?</i> • <i>What control or influence does the Council have in this area?</i> 	<p>The impact of ASB is seen on all who live and work in the Borough and it is having a negative effect on those who are face repeated incidents.</p> <p>This investigation will be able to feed into Lewisham's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is the proposed investigation timely? Why?</i> Yes, coincides with insourcing of residential ASB • <i>Is it a strategic and significant issue? How?</i> Yes it is an issue impacting the whole borough • <i>Is it of concern to one or more sections of the population? Who?</i> Yes, it is an impact to a wide range of community groups • <i>Is the issue of concern to partners or stakeholders? How?</i> Yes, the council plays a leading role in convening a wide range of partners and community groups such as police, youth services, mental health provision etc
<p>Sources of evidence <i>Do you have any thoughts/ideas on where you might gather evidence from? e.g. research or site visits. (Officers will be able to recommend suggestions and help with this.)</i></p>	<p>Speak with the Safe Communities team to understand the structure of ASB within Lewisham, and how residential ASB fits into this following the insourcing of Lewisham Homes.</p> <p>Information can be gathered from TRA's and local Safer Neighbourhood Meetings.</p> <p>The group can hold evidence gathering sessions with residents to better understand the issues they face</p> <p>My Lewisham (the Mayor of London's My Ends programme, currently operating in Deptford and Evelyn)</p>
<p>Co-optees / Technical advisors? <i>Would the task and finish group benefit from having expert input such as an academic or local expert?</i></p>	<p>An advisory from Youth Justice Team and their work to support young people and their families.</p>
<p>Suggested timeframe <i>Do you estimate / suggest that the investigation take 3, 6, 9 or 12 months? Outline your suggested timetable for evidence gathering.</i></p>	<p>The investigation could be completed in 8months – Firstly meeting with officers to gain their insights and gain a better understanding of the councils responsibilities Secondly would be ward Safer Neighbourhood Meetings and TRA's Meetings. Thirdly meet with agencies and authorities external to the borough to gather evidence on best practice</p>
<p>Equalities Impact <i>Identify any equalities issues that might be applicable.</i></p>	<p>Positive equalities impact</p>
<p>Councillor(s) submitting the proposal <i>Please list the names of the submitting councillor(s)</i></p>	<p><u>Dawn Atkinson</u></p>

