



ACTION PLAN 2008 – 2009

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Introduction

Making Antrim Borough a safer place is a challenge and priority for everyone, be it residents, visitors taking advantage of the excellent facilities and amenities Antrim offers or people working in the Borough.

Reducing crime, fear of crime and anti social behaviour cannot be achieved by individuals or agencies in isolation. Antrim Borough Community Safety Partnership (henceforth ABCSP) was established to ensure that public sector agencies, voluntary groups and businesses work in true partnership with local communities to reduce crime and improve safety, making Antrim Borough a safer, cleaner, greener environment with enhanced quality of life.

ABCSP want this Action Plan to be meaningful and relevant to everyone shaping its efforts and direction for the period 2008 to 2009. ABCSP acknowledges the future challenges ahead and is committed to the proposals contained in this Action Plan, confident that it has responded to the views of those with whom it consulted. ABCSP accepts the challenges ahead and looks forward to working with all sections of the community to ensure that a safer Antrim Borough can be delivered for all.

A further Action Plan will be developed during 2008 for the period 2009 to 2011.

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Chairman
Antrim Borough Community Safety Partnership

30 May 2008

Executive Summary

In March 2008, ABCSP instructed LEDCOM to undertake an evaluation and consultation exercise. A copy of the Strategic Assessment is attached as Appendix 1. An evaluation was carried out in respect of ABCSP interventions, which were funded by Northern Ireland Community Safety Unit, and delivered during the period 2006 to 2008. Additionally, relevant and appropriate consultation was undertaken to inform a community safety action plan for the period 2008 to 2011.

The evaluation commented on the focus and usefulness of ABCSP programmes whilst identifying potential new areas of engagement together with external pressures on Community Safety Partnerships, such as the Review of Public Administration.

The exercise reported on:

- issues of concerns;
- new and emerging problems;
- models of best practice delivered by ABCSP;
- the recommended direction of the community safety work for the period 2008 to 2011.

The consultation exercise identified the following issues of concern:

Priority	Antrim Town	Randalstown	Crumlin	Toomebridge	Average ranking
Anti social Behaviour	1	1	1	1	1
Youth behaviour	2	2	2	3	2
Crime against older people	6	9	4	9	6
Burglary	4	9	10	2	5
Substance abuse	10	4	8	8	7
Crime prevention	11	12	8	5	10
Car Crime	12	13	4	7	12
Road safety	12	4	3	5	3
Hate and race crime	9	3	12	10	9
Fear of crime	3	6	12	4	4
Domestic Violence	6	11	11	5	8
Sexual assaults	5	13	7	10	11
Crimes against business	11	13	10	10	14
Victims support	9	13	12	10	13

In developing its Action Plan ABCSP, has taken into consideration Northern Ireland priorities and local priorities as follows:

- Northern Ireland Office PSA Targets;
- PSNI Local Policing Plan;
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive Community Safety Strategy;
- Antrim Borough Council Corporate Plan;
- Antrim Borough Council Community Support Plan;
- Antrim District Policing Partnership Consultation.

The Northern Ireland Office has identified two key strategic priorities Anti Social Behaviour and Violent Crime. A reduction target of 15% has been set in respect of anti social behaviour for the period 2008 to 2011 whilst a more generic target has been set for violent crime “to reduce the level of violent crime and more serious violent crime.” ABCSP has developed its Action Plan to compliment these strategic priorities, together with additional regional priorities of Drugs and Alcohol, Crime Prevention, Older Persons and Business Crime, whilst maintaining cognisance of local issues and concerns.

In view of this ABCSP has developed its Action Plan concentrating on two key priorities:

- anti social behaviour;
- violent crime.

Additional recommendations identified in the Strategic Assessment include:

- development of a communication strategy;
- review of ABCSP structure;
- involvement of a wide range of agencies and community groups;
- annual presentation to Antrim DPP explaining and highlighting the work of ABCSP

ABCSP has established a communications strategy which will be funded by Antrim Borough Council.

A review of the existing structure has been carried out and a new structure, identified in Appendix 2, has been agreed and will be formally ratified at a Special General Meeting which will be held in the near future.

ABCSP will endeavour to involve a wide and far reaching range of agencies and organisations in its future work.

ABCSP intends to explore the possibility of organising an annual formal presentation to Antrim DPP, to inform the local DPP of ABCSP’s work and its role in reducing crime, fear of crime and anti social behaviour. ABCSP hopes that this event will be reciprocated by Antrim DPP.

Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan

Title	Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan	
Aim	To reduce Anti Social Behaviour within Antrim Borough	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the reported incidents of anti social behaviour by 15% in two identified hot spot areas based on PSNI 2007/2008 baseline anti social behaviour recorded incidents • To reduce the fear of anti social behaviour by 15% in two identified hot spot areas based on benchmark of community consultation in two identified areas 	
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community education and awareness campaign within identified hot spot areas to encourage and advise local residents how to report incidents of ASB • Publicity campaign advertising accurate information in relation to ASB and ongoing interventions to tackle ASB • Partnership approach to provide diversionary interventions 	
Inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of two hot spot areas following analysis of 2007/2008 PSNI statistics of reported ASB incidents • Media strategy including launch of initiatives, publication of monthly press releases, two radio interviews and one television interview • Statutory organisation staff time in provision of interventions 	
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of community education and awareness raising leaflets • Engagement of vulnerable young people, involved in or at risk of becoming involved in ASB, with Youth Service Outreach workers • Engagement of vulnerable young people, involved in or at risk of becoming involved in ASB, in positive diversionary interventions and longer term programmes • Mobile CCTV operation training for PSNI officers 	

Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in anti social behaviour • Reduction in fear of anti social behaviour • Reduction in nuisance, anti social driving • Increase in number of vulnerable at risk young people engaged in diversionary interventions • Improved quality of life for local residents 	
Personnel resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety Officer • PSNI (ASB Forum Officer) • NEELB Youth Service (Senior Area Youth Manager or Senior Youth Worker) • Antrim Borough Council (Regulatory Services Manager) 	
Financial Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEELB Youth Workers £26,807 • Education and Awareness Leaflets £1,000 • Equipment £7,193 	
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Event held in June 2008 • Purchase of equipment by 31 July 2008 • Two hot spot areas identified by 31 July 2008 • Outreach Youth Workers engaged by 31 July 2008 • 40 vulnerable at risk young people engaged from both identified hot spot area by 31 August 2008 • 20 vulnerable at risk young people engaged in longer term diversionary interventions, from both hot spot area by 31 October 2008 • Mobile CCTV training completed by 31 October 2008 • Education and awareness raising leaflet distributed by 30 September 2008 and 31 December 2008 • Distribution of items of equipment (alcohol strips) via SocialWise project by 31 December 2008 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation questionnaire with local residents to establish level of fear of crime carried out by 31 October 2008 and 31 March 2009 • Press releases issued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 July 2008 31 August 2008 30 September 2008 31 October 2008 30 November 2008 31 December 2008 31 January 2009 28 February 2009 31 March 2009 • Radio interviews delivered by 30 September 2008 and 31 January 2009 • Television interview delivered by 31 March 2009 	
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of crime PSNI statistics in respect of recorded incidents of ASB • Number of individual referrals to PSNI Youth Diversion Officer and ASB Forum • Community consultation questionnaires • Participant consultation questionnaires • Number of young people consistently engaged in diversionary interventions • Achievement of milestones measured 	

Violent Crime Action Plan

Title	Violent Crime Action Plan	
Aim	To reduce violent crime in Antrim Borough	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the reported incidents of violent crime in Antrim Borough by 5% based on PSNI 2007/2008 baseline violent crime recorded incidents • To reduce the fear of violent crime by 5% in Antrim Borough on benchmark of community consultation 	
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary and post primary school domestic violence education and awareness raising campaign delivered in all primary and secondary schools in Antrim Borough • Provision of a professional holistic counselling support service to children, young people and adults in respect of the misuse of drugs substance and alcohol misuse • Community education and awareness campaign within two identified problem locations to encourage and advise local residents to report incidents of drug dealing • Delivery and promotion of 4 Tier Security Scheme which incorporates SmartWater 	
Inputs	<p><u>Domestic Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary organisation staff time in provision of Intervention • Funding to employ a full time education and prevention worker <p><u>Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Abuse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of 5 professionally trained counsellors • Recruitment of 11 Student counsellors • Training of 5 counselling team members in Drug and Alcohol Community Awareness • Training of 10 counselling team members in Trauma and Addiction • Voluntary organisation staff time in provision of Interventions <p><u>Drug Dealing – Reducing Supply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of two problem drug dealing locations following analysis of relevant 2007/08 PSNI statistics 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Awareness Raising Strategy • Statutory organisation staff time in provision of interventions <p><u>4 Tier Security Scheme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SmartWater training sessions for PSNI, Housing Executive, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators and other identified agency staff • Public awareness raising strategy • Statutory and voluntary organisation staff time in provision of intervention 	
Outputs	<p><u>Domestic Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600 children and young people from 5 separate Council areas to be educated via programme facilitation and group work <p><u>Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Abuse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 clients referred to counselling service • 360 counselling sessions delivered • 16 volunteer counsellors recruited and trained <p><u>Drug Dealing – Reducing Supply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of community education and awareness raising leaflets <p><u>4 Tier Security Scheme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,500 referrals to Scheme • 1,000 SmartWater kits distributed • Distribution of publicity leaflets 	
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in violent crime • Reduction in fear of crime associated with violent crime • Increase in numbers of vulnerable people referred to relevant support agencies • Improved quality of life for local residents 	
Personnel resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety Officer • PSNI Officers • Domestic Violence Worker • Drug and Alcohol Councillors • Victim Support Officers and Volunteers 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators 	
Financial Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence Worker £4,035 • Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Abuse £10,140 • Drug Dealing Awareness leaflets £500 • 4 Tier Security Scheme equipment and leaflets £7,325 	
Milestones	<p><u>Domestic Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure funding to employ education and prevention worker July 2008 • Recruit and appoint worker August 2008 • Review proposed action plan and develop specific action plan for Antrim Borough Council area September 2008 • Establish net work with schools, community groups and young peoples group in Antrim Borough by October 2008 • Delivery of monthly programme to March 2009 <p><u>Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Abuse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardised agency referral system in place by July 2008 • Network of agencies and clinical supervisors ensuring best practice in place by July 2008 • Motivational interviewing training delivered by October 2008 • 16 volunteer counsellors recruited by February 2009 <p><u>Drug Dealing – Reducing Supply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of two problem drug dealing locations by September 2008 • Printing of education and awareness raising leaflets by 30 November 2008 • Distribution of leaflets by 31 March 2008 <p><u>4 Tier Security Scheme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,500 referrals to Scheme by 31 March 2009 • Distribution of 1,000 SmartWater kits by 30 September 2008 • SmartWater training delivered by 31 July 2008 • Distribution of publicity leaflets by 31 March 2009 	
Evaluation	<p><u>Domestic Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social auditing systems <p><u>Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Abuse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client evaluation questionnaires • Training evaluation questionnaires • Feedback questionnaires from referral agencies to assess 	

	<p>quality of service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of milestones measured <p><u>Drug Dealing – Reducing Supply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of PSNI crime statistics in respect of drug dealing • Community consultation questionnaire • Achievement of milestones measured <p><u>4 Tier Security Scheme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme evaluation questionnaires completed by clients • Follow up telephone calls to clients to assess effectiveness of scheme • Achievement of milestones measured 	
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Domestic Violence Education and Prevention Worker

The project proposal submitted in respect of this intervention is based on five Council areas, Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey jointly funding the project. ABCSP has agreed in principal to support this programme pending confirmation from the remaining Community Safety Partnerships verifying financial commitment.

Should the intervention be agreed by all five areas it would be ABCSP’s intention to develop, in partnership with Women’s Aid, a delivery programme specific to Antrim Borough.

Communication Action Plan

Title	Communication Action Plan	
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase public awareness of Antrim Borough Community Safety Partnership (ABCSP) and its work 	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase public awareness of ABCSP by 25% throughout Antrim Borough based on baseline of 21% identified by community consultation 	
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education and awareness raising campaign Publicity campaign advertising the work delivered by ABCSP and its impact on reduction of crime, anti social behaviour and fear of crime 	
Inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of suitable locations in rural villages to erect community advertising boards Communications strategy including project launch initiatives, publication of monthly press releases, publication of articles in Network News, Publication of community safety news letter, publication of Annual Report and radio interviews CPO and ABCSP Members time 	
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of community education and awareness raising leaflets Production of monthly press releases Publication of three articles in Network News Publication of two Community Safety Newsletters Publication of one annual report Delivery of two radio interviews Erection of two community advertising boards Media training for CSO and ABCSP Members 	
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in public awareness of ABCSP Reduction in crime, anti social behaviour and fear of crime 	
Personnel resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Officer ABCSP Members 	

Financial Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Advertising Boards £4,900 • ABCSP Leaflets £500 • ABCSP Newsletter £1,000 • ABCSP Annual Report £500 	
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of 12 press releases, one per month during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 • Publication of 3 items in Network News, 3 July 2008, 30 November 2008 and 31 March 2009 • Delivery of radio interviews by 31 October 2008 and 31 March 2009 • Erection of Community Advertising Boards by 30 September 2008 • Distribution of ABCSP Leaflets by 31 October 2008 • Publication and distribution of Newsletter by 30 November 2008 and 31 March 2009 • Publication of Annual Report by 31 March 2008 	
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation questionnaires • Analysis of PSNI statistics to measure reduction in crime and anti social behaviour 	

Conclusion

The priorities detailed in the preceding pages will be delivered by ABCSP. The groups that will coordinate and implement the Action Plan, which will reduce crime, fear of crime and tackle anti social behaviour, improve safety, making Antrim Borough a safer, cleaner, greener environment with enhancing quality of life, are illustrated in the structure diagram contained in Appendix 2.

To ensure ABCSP's performance is exemplary, time, energy and effort have been invested to deliver high quality interventions and actions by:

- Setting strategic priorities and objectives that matter most to local people and communities whilst recognising broader regional priorities;
- Securing sufficient resources to deliver programmes that work to maximise impact;
- Carrying out service and performance reviews periodically;
- Setting performance targets that are challenging but achievable whilst monitoring progress.

ABCSP's Action Plan will have a holistic approach to tackling crime, fear of crime and anti social behaviour, ensuring that each priority has a balance of appropriate prevention, enforcement, diversionary and rehabilitation programmes.

The Action Plan is a fluid, dynamic document and will be used together with further intelligence and crime analysis to profile new and emerging issues, plan for action and inform the 2009 to 2011 Action Plan.

ABCSP will seek to ensure that all community safety interventions developed and delivered are effective, provide long term solutions and value for money. Periodic reviews will be undertaken together with evaluation of services and programmes to ensure that ABCSP's work is making a difference in reducing crime, fear of crime and anti social behaviour throughout Antrim Borough.

Further Information and Contact Details

Further information about this Action Plan can be obtained on request by contacting the Community Safety Officer at Antrim Borough Council.

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ABCSP is committed to ongoing involvement in the services it delivers and welcomes any feedback, suggestions or proposals from individuals or organisations.