

Report to the Cabinet

Date of meeting: Monday 17 March 2025



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Technical Services Portfolio Holder

Subject: CCTV STRATEGY 2025-2032

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) To approve the new EFDC Anti-Social Behaviour Policy**

Executive Summary:

This policy defines EFDC approach to the management and investigation of anti-social behaviour complaints that the Council receive. We want to provide clear guidance on responsibilities and expectations for victims of anti-social behaviour within the district.

Other Options for Action:

N/A

Report:

1. This Policy is in place to ensure residents of the Epping Forest district can clearly see the commitment that is made by the Council to tackling anti-social behaviour within the district and what happens when anti-social behaviour is reported.
2. EFDC seek to create sustainable neighbourhoods whereby people from different backgrounds and groups can live side by side within a culture of co-operation and respect. We will seek to prevent anti-social behaviour, but where it does occur, we will pursue early intervention to prevent the problem escalating.
3. The policy explains the resources available to tackle anti-social behaviour and what action Epping Forest District Council may take. The Council consider all forms of ASB to be unacceptable and will consistently apply the principles contained in this policy to ensure that our residents' lives are not negatively impacted by ASB.
4. We adopt a victim centred approach and take all complaints of anti-social behaviour seriously, carrying out investigations as appropriate. We will also consider any vulnerabilities for victims and perpetrators prior to commencing any action and offer any appropriate support and guidance. We will work in partnership with other agencies and local communities to reduce anti-social behaviour in the district.
5. The Council has a dedicated team that investigates incidents of anti-social behaviour and works with internal teams such as the Environmental Enforcement Team and the Tenancy and Estates Teams (when dealing with EFDC tenants). Qualifying complaints will be investigated under the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Scrutiny Comments

Please insert where its relevant to the report a paragraph entitled, e.g. "Scrutiny Comments" as above. Any pre-scrutiny and/or consultation undertaken can be included here. It can also be summarised below under "Resource Implications" in the "Consultation / Scrutiny Undertaken" section.

Resource Implications:

None

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Council has a duty to investigate complaints of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Consultation Undertaken:

The Housing & Property Directorate

Housing Tenant and Leaseholder Panel

Background Papers:

N/A

Risk Management:

To be completed Text for any Risk Management Issues...

Equality:

An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out and there was xx / no significant impact. (Please amend as required - Note the EIA must be carried out and retained but is not required to be submitted)