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Overview

- Why is tackling ASB so important for the Government?
- Misconceptions
- White Paper/ASB Bill and complementary measures in other Bills
- Making improvements happen on the ground

Importance of Tackling ASB

- Crime falling, but not reflected in public perception
- The Challenge - “I like it herebut not living like this” (constituent to the DPM)
- ASB is
- ASB does
- Cost of ASB
- £75 million over 3 years to support drive to tackle ASB

Misconceptions

- **Not just enforcement but also prevention**
- **Not anti-youth**
- **Not urban v. rural**
- **Not solely social housing tenant focused**

Key Features of the New Approach

- **To build on firm foundation**
 - **Preventing ASB and protecting communities**
 - **Creating safer and cleaner public places**
 - **Local problems, local action**
 - **Effective enforcement and providing more tools for local practitioners to use in a joined up way**

Key Features of the The New Approach cont...

- **What we know**
 - Perception
 - Spiral of decline
 - Causes: family, education/employment, deprived areas, alcohol/drugs
- **What's been done**
 - New System of Orders & Penalties
 - record numbers of police, and extended policing family
 - National Policing Plan
 - Street Crime Initiative

Main Points of ASB Bill

- Powers to close crack houses
- Housing - measures to deal with problem tenants and greater accountability for landlords
- Parental responsibility
- Dispersal of groups
- Sanctions
 - Improvements to ASBOs
 - Fixed penalty notices for disorder
 - Supervision orders

Main Points of ASB Bill cont..

- **Firearms**
- **Environmental Issues (more to come following “Living Places”)**
 - EHO powers to close noisy licensed premises
 - Streamlining power to issue FPNs for domestic noise
 - New FPN powers for graffiti and flyposting
 - Ban on spray paint sales to under 18s
 - Extending Environment Agency powers on flytipping to local authorities
 - enabling local authorities to access land to clean-up litter and reclaim costs

Complementary Bills

- **Criminal Justice Bill**

- Police powers to stop and search for items they suspect may be intended for criminal damage
- New Individual Support Order (ISO) requiring children and young people with an ASBO to accept help
- Extending Parenting Orders to make them available with referral orders
- Community sentences available on 4th conviction for summary offences (e.g. begging)

Complementary Bills cont....

- **Courts Bill**

- Measures to enforce fines including:

- discounts for prompt payment
 - increases if not paid
 - fine officers to manage collection empowered to deduct from salaries or benefits

Complementary Bills cont....

- **Licensing Bill**

- Expanding court powers, on application by police, to close all licensed premises within a specified geographical area for 24 hours
- Expanding police powers to close down disorderly or noisy licensed premises (links to EHO powers for noisy premises in ASB Bill)
- New offence of selling alcohol to children anywhere
- Police and local residents to be able to call for a review of premises licence at any time
- Expanding powers for the police to confiscate alcohol in designated public places
- Enabling police to ban the sale of alcohol on train routes

Complementary Bills cont....

- **Housing Bill**

- Local authorities powers to license all landlords in areas of low housing demand or similar areas where the growth and poor management of the private rented sector frustrates efforts to create sustainable communities
- Improving the controls on Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), including a mandatory national licensing scheme, to tackle poor physical and management standards

Complementary Bills cont....

- **Local Government Bill**
- Retention of revenue from fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for dog fouling and litter
- **Fireworks Bill**
 - various regulation making powers to tackle fireworks misuse

Housing

local problem, local action

- Injunctions
- Demotions of secure or assured tenancies to probationary status
- Possession - courts to take account of impact of ASB on community
- Social landlords to publish policies and procedures
- Licensing of private landlords
- HB sanctions (consultation underway)
- Better partnership working (behaviour tackled, tenancy saved, family not moved)

Extended Menu of Interventions

- Diversion
- Supporting parents
- Mediation
- Parenting contracts
- Parenting Orders
- Injunctions
- Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- ASBOs
- FPNs
- Criminal Prosecution

Making it Happen on the Ground

- ASB has been everyone's problem and no-one's responsibility
- Need for multi-agency response within strategic framework
- Common interest in tackling ASB
- Role of communities - supported through e.g. Crime Reduction Basics pack
- Levers/Accountability
 - s17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998
 - Comprehensive Performance Assessment

Making it Happen on the Ground cont...

- **Levers/Accountability**

- CDRPs to publish ASB strategies
- Police to publish ASB strategies
- Restoring reassurance project in MPS and Surrey
- Landlords to publish strategies
- Naming and Shaming?
- Elections