

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN LOCKDOWN

Committee name	Corporate Services, Commerce & Communities Policy Overview Committee
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Papers with report	Appendix A – ASBET Service Request Comparison 2019/2020 Lockdown
Ward	All

HEADLINES

This report provides the Committee with information about anti-social behaviour in the Borough during the pandemic and lockdown, along with the impact that Covid-19 had on service request volumes, resources and partnership working and how ASBET responded and delivered services during lockdown.

That the Committee notes the impact of Covid-19 on ASBET and the additional duties Covid-19 presented to ASBET officers.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

For Members' information, additional duties by Council officers were conducted during lockdown by the ASBET Team as follows:

1. Parks/open spaces and outdoor gym equipment enforcement action in keeping with restrictions in place.
2. Social distancing compliance within retail, hospitality and public settings.
3. Delivery of food and welfare packages to vulnerable and elderly.
4. Supporting police operations and joint patrols with regard Covid-19 enforcement.
5. ASBET conducted operations 7 days a week and both day and night-time enforcement patrols.
6. Providing data and records for London Borough of Hillingdon and Central Government.

ASBET continues to play a pivotal role in LBH response to Covid-19 enforcement measures and reducing the rate of infections.

The service is also responding to:

- Reassure the public and business within the Borough that the London Borough of Hillingdon is providing a reasonable and proportionate response to the latest Tier 3 restrictions.
- Continue to support our colleagues in Licensing, Green Spaces and the Police with enforcement measures during the seasonal period with relaxation of rules from 23/12/20 to 27/12/20.
- Continue the hard work that was started in March this year to support, assist and educate business and residents on reducing infection rates and complying with Covid-19 restrictions.
- Carry out enforcement which is proportionate, justified and reasonable, with businesses and members of the public in support of our partners. Where compliance has not been achieved through engagement and co-operation.
- Provide accurate records and data to the Central Government and keep record and track of London Borough of Hillingdon's actions and interactions in relation to pandemic response.

The Appendix to this report includes the following data:

1. The top 5 service requests for months during 2020 – with a 2019 comparison to indicate volume/activity;
2. Detailed breakdown of all service requests during key months during 2020 – again with a 2019 comparison to indicate volume/ activity.
3. A comparison of how residents have reported/contacted the council on such matters.

Implications on related Council policies

A role of the policy Overview Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

While there is no current policy directly affected from an ASBET perspective. There are changes with regards to our internal partners in Licensing and Health and Safety with regard Covid-19 policies. ASBET helps to monitor and support enforcement action where necessary.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

ASBET continued to operate normal duties during both national lockdowns, in keeping with social distancing and Government guidelines for the workplace. Service requests and ME's continued to be met within the target times. Visits were also conducted where safe to do so and in keeping with restrictions and guidelines.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications from the recommendation in this report.

Legal Implications

That all enforcement actions, where proportionate, justified and legal and in accordance with Emergency Powers under the below acts.

- Coronavirus Act 2020
- Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL