



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2005 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Allen - Chair

Councillor Smith- Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Keeling

Councillor Llyoyd Harris

Councillor Westley

Co-opted Member

Mr George Narraway

Leicester Federation of Tenants' Associations

**85. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ANNUAL REPORT INCORPORATING CRIME
AND DISORDER ACTIVITIES**

The Corporate Director of Housing submitted a report informing the Committee of progress made by the Leicester Anti Social Behaviour Unit (LASBU) and giving an update on Leicester's TOGETHER status (Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour Action Area). The report also included information from the Community Safety Team on Burglary Reduction in Leicester and on the strengthening of the Council's legal services to support LASBU.

Members of the Committee welcomed the positive work and progress made in 2004/05 in tackling Anti Social Behaviour.

It was noted that the LASBU service currently cost £435,000 per year and was funded from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund money of £247,000, Home Office funding of £32,000, Braunstone Community Association funding of £96,000 and £60,000 from the Housing Revenue Account. Apart from the Housing Revenue Account provision, all other funding was due to cease at the end of the 2005/06 financial year. Although provision of £200,00 had been made in the Housing Department's General Fund Revenue Strategy for 2006/07, this would still leave a funding shortfall which would mean that the work of the LASBU would have to reduce unless further funding was identified.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the progress made in tackling Anti Social Behaviour in 2004/05 be welcomed;

- (2) that the Cabinet be requested to acknowledge the progress made and to secure the funding to continue the work of the Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit from 2006/07 onwards.