Mid Devon District Council - items for agenda

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Proposer's name and title	Cllr Pugh	Date	Sept 2021
Proposed issue and brief description	Response to Anti-Social Behaviour by MDDC: how to ensure the Council has a targeted and effective response to anti-social behaviour in the District.		
Background	(E.g. Why should Scrutiny/PDG look at this issue? Is this a new issue or one that is already on the Forward Plan? Is it of concern to residents?) Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a major issue nationally and locally, and it is a key concern for residents. Cllr Pugh has seen a high level of anti-social behaviour issues raised to him since his election. Anti-social behaviour has also recently (12 August) on the front page of the Mid Devon Gazette. This is a prevalent and important issue in the District that has a big impact on communities, it needs a comprehensive and coherent review and response. The Police have a role to deal with ASB and other policing matters, but the Council also has a role to deal with ASB working with our residents in ways the Police cannot. There are two ASB policies within the Council. One is the MDDC Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, approved in January 2021, and the other is the Housing Services Anti-Social Behaviour policy – reviewed in 2015.		
What will the outcome be?	 (E.g. a recommendation to Cabinet to improve a service; an opportunity to lobby on an issue that immediately affects Mid Devon residents; an initial discussion on an issue that might then lead to further Scrutiny/PDG review) A Working Group of the Community PDG is proposed, to make recommendations on how to ensure a comprehensive and effective response to anti-social behaviour in the Council. A Working Group will look to: Understand the areas of ASB that the Council can deal with and review the MDDC response; Understand anti-social behaviour across the District, the local context, where it occurs and if there are any key areas in the District; Review how the Council and its partners interact to develop a cohesive response to antisocial behaviour – how we engage with the police and youth offending team; 		

 Review of the current Policies and a consideration as to whether two separate policies are needed;
 Understand the links to the Community Safety Partnership;
 Understand the processes for reporting ASB;

Explore what other Local Authorities are doing and what lessons can be learnt.