

Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

The Society is required by the Housing Act 1996 and the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 to have anti-social behaviour policies and procedures.

This policy covers –

- Conduct which is capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to any person and, directly or indirectly, relates to or affects the Society's housing management functions.
- Conduct which consists of or involves using or threatening to use housing accommodation owned or managed by the Society for an unlawful purpose.

Examples of the above could be –

- Noise nuisance
- Intimidation and harassment
- Fouling of public areas
- Aggressive and threatening language and behaviour
- Actual violence against people and property
- Hate behaviour that targets members of identified groups because of their perceived differences
- Using homes to sell drugs, or for other unlawful purposes

Anti-social behaviour has not to date been a significant issue for the Society. None the less, should there be reported incidents, the Society is committed to taking whatever action it reasonably can to prevent a re-occurrence. Similarly, although the Society does not have a large minority ethnic presence, it is none the less committed to equality and diversity and to dealing with any incidents of racial harassment. In addition, victims of domestic violence will receive a similar level of support and assistance.

Tenants are reminded that they are responsible not only for their own behaviour but also for those who visit them both inside and outside the accommodation.

It is the Society's aim to give support to claimants by dealing with matters promptly and keeping them informed as to what is being done to resolve the problem; and if necessary referring them to appropriate support agencies.

All these issues will be dealt with in complete confidence although, with the complainant's permission, information may need to be shared with the Society's management committee and possibly the police and other appropriate agencies.

It is the Society's intention that this policy should work alongside its Equal Opportunities policy and Tenant Participation and Consultation strategies.