

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: PETITION REGARDING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN CALDER STREET COATBRIDGE	
From: HEAD OF HOUSING SERVICE			
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1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update committee of the action taken following the submission of a petition on the basis of alleged anti-social behaviour within an area of Calder Street Coatbridge.

2. Background

- 2.1 A petition signed by 10 residents was received by Coatbridge Area Office on 10 June 2010 concerning the alleged anti-social behaviour of people who live outwith the Calder Street area using car park area to play football, drink alcohol and generally cause trouble for residents. The petitioners are also unhappy that residents from an adjacent street park their cars in this car park.
- 2.2 Previous complaints of a similar nature had been received by Coatbridge Area Office and investigations carried out by Anti-Social Investigators. However, it proved difficult to gather evidence of any incidents as residents didn't wish to give details to either the investigators or the police.

3. Proposals/Considerations

- 3.1 Following receipt of the petition, anti-social investigators have interviewed named individual residents allegedly involved in unacceptable behaviour in an attempt to obtain further information and to take appropriate action should this be necessary. In addition to this, leaflets giving advice on reporting anti-social behaviour have been delivered to all houses in this area of Calder Street and Community Police Officers will be asked to increase patrols to deal with any incidents if such problems persist. The matter has also been raised through the local Community Safety Sub-Group as part of the tasking and coordinating process to ensure a coordinated approach is taken on the problem.
- 3.2 The car park area to the rear of the houses in Calder Street is a public area and as such its use cannot be restricted to residents of Calder Street, staff from Coatbridge Area Housing office will continue to monitor the situation in conjunction with local police.

4. Financial / Personnel / Legal / Policy / Equalities Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial/personnel/legal/policy/equalities implications.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the committee note the content of this report and the action taken by the Area Office to tackle the alleged anti-social behaviour.



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