

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2003	<b>MEETING NAME</b> Executive
<b>Report title:</b>		Motion Submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 – Anti-Social Behaviour	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Executive consider the motion as set out in paragraph 2 below.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. At the Council Assembly meeting on 23rd July 2003 a motion was submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 (1) by Councillor Alison Moise and seconded by Councillor Alfred Banyan. The motion was subsequently amended and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

*That Council notes*

1. *That anti social behaviour continues to be a problem affecting many Southwark residents.*
2. *The serious problems that local authorities including Southwark have had in applying for and enforcing Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in the past.*
3. *That some aspects of the Government's anti social behaviour bill 'respect and responsibility' – for instance Part 1 dealing with closure of crack houses and Part 6 which proposes to restrict the use of air guns and imitation weapons – will strongly increase local authorities powers to deal with anti-social and criminal behaviour and should be commended;*
4. *That other aspects – for instance, on the spot fines for 10 year olds and new powers to disperse groups of two or more – are ill-conceived, unnecessary and possibly counterproductive;*
5. *That MPs could only vote on the Bill as a package of measures, thus explaining why the Bill failed to receive cross party support at its third reading.*

*That Council therefore hopes that the Bill will be substantially improved following its passage through the House of Lords.*

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 (3), the above motion was referred to the Executive, which shall report upon the outcome of their deliberations upon the motion to the next meeting of Council Assembly.

4. The constitution allocates particular responsibility for functions to Council Assembly, for approving the budget and policy framework, and to the Executive, for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of Council services on a day-to-day basis.
5. Any key issues, policy or funding implications are included in the advice from the Chief Executive.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Southwark Council and the police are committed to supporting Southwark residents by taking action against perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.

The Council will take action against perpetrators of anti-social behaviour through services such as the 24 hour seven day a week Noise Teams, Southwark Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (SASBU) and wardens schemes.

Anti-Social behaviour remains the priority 'quality of life' issue for Southwark residents, with increasing confidence by communities and victims to report incidents to Neighbourhood Housing Offices, the police and Southwark Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, as perpetrators are successfully tackled.

Southwark Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (SASBU) is doubling the number of caseworkers and increasing its legal budget to support action against persistent perpetrators with eight (8) interim ASBOs and a full ASBO obtained last month.

The Council also supports services tackling anti-social behaviour. These include the Southwark Meditation Service and the Youth Offending Team (YOT), where a worker is seconded to SASBU. They ensure that the work with young people is delivered in line with Youth Justice Board requirements, particularly in relation to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts with young people (ABC's).

The Council is currently reviewing the proposed new powers to identify gaps in local provision and the impact of these new powers on existing services provision. A report will be made to the Best Value Review of Community Safety, chaired by the Chief Executive.

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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## APPENDIX A

### Audit Trail

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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Chief Officer	Yes	Yes
<b>Executive Member</b>	No	No
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