



27 March 2023

Dear Chief Executive/Leader

Re: Community Safety Partnerships and Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Powers Consultation Launch

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were introduced by Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and bring together local partners to formulate and deliver strategies within their communities to tackle crime and disorder. Preventing and reducing crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour (ASB) requires effective partnership working, and as multi-agency partnerships operating in the local context CSPs have the potential to make a significant impact in our collective endeavour to drive down crime and ASB.

In his recent speech of 4 January, the Prime Minister set out that tackling ASB, and creating safer and stronger communities, is a key priority of his over the next few months. Today we have launched an ASB Action Plan to set out the Government response to tackle ASB robustly.

As part of that plan, we are launching a targeted consultation focused on three things. First, it invites views on the relationship between CSPs and PCCs, with the aim of strengthening the accountability model of CSPs. Second, it invites views on how CSPs and PCCs work together to tackle ASB. Third, it invites views on ASB powers and whether they should be extended. Enhancing their accountability has the potential to more closely align the work of CSPs and PCCs, drive more effective multi-agency working and assist in achieving more effective outcomes for the public. We also want to ensure that the police, local authorities and other relevant agencies have all the powers and tools they need. By further consulting on amending some of the existing powers in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme we will broaden their use and promote greater consistency. The consultation will run for 8 weeks and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/community-safety-partnerships-review-and-antisocial-behaviour-powers>.

The consultation on the relationship between CSPs and PCCs is phase one of the CSP review announced following the conclusion of the PCC review. Phase two will focus on increasing the efficiency of CSP ways of working and streamlining roles and responsibilities and my officials will provide further details as to how you can get involved in that part of the work separately.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP