

Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Policy



Working Group meeting
Monday 31st March



AGENDA

Introductions / Apologies

Review of previous meeting – what is ASB?

The three elements involved in assessing and prioritising ASB

What is Anti-Social Behaviour?

Section 143 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004:

Acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress; or
Pursuing a course of conduct that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress to at least one person who is not of the same household.

“Conduct” includes speech and a course of conduct must involve conduct on at least two occasions.

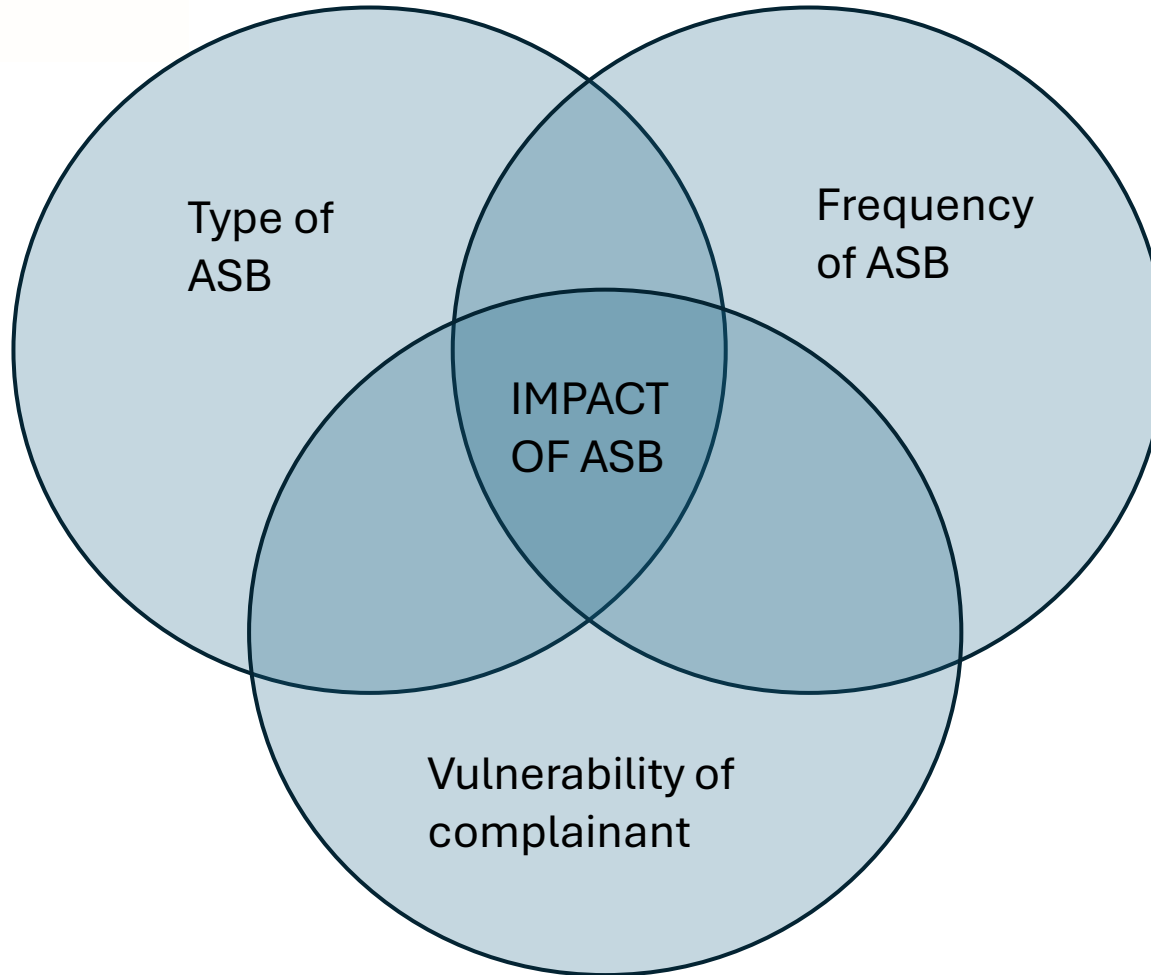
In a housing context:

Conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person’s occupation of residential premises.

Or

Conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person

Assessing the severity of impact



Three key considerations to assessing the impact of ASB

- What type of ASB is it?
- How frequently is it happening?
- How vulnerable are those reporting the ASB?

The Risk Approach



Risk Assessment Matrix		Vulnerability Level				
		Very High	High	Moderate	Low	Very Low
Level & Type of ASB	Very High	Very High	Very High	High	High	Moderate
	High	Very High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low
	Moderate	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low
	Low	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Very Low
	Very Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Very Low	Very Low

- Very High Risk
- High Risk
- Moderate Risk
- Low Risk
- Very Low Risk



Risk Based Approach to assessing ASB & it's impact

Risk Exercise:

Tenants A & B: Same sex couple, Tenant A has a physical disability and Tenant B a diagnosed mental health condition. They claim that their neighbour has been verbally abusive on a number of occasions and last week that escalated to a point where Tenant B was pushed to the ground. The police were called and the neighbour was arrested.

Complete the risk assessment, as far as you can and identify any information you think at this stage is preventing you from a full assessment of the risk.

Risk Based Approach to assessing ASB & it's impact

Do you think the Association should continue to take a risk based approach?

Do you think there is anything missing from the Risk Assessment Form?

Do you agree with the score / priority given to the risk assessment you have just completed?

ASB Risk Matrix

Individual assessment should be made for each person at the household

Name: Case No:
Date:

Officer:

Type of ASB

Hate crime or violence	5
Threats and Criminal Damage	4
Noise or Neighbour Nuisance	3
Rowdy Nuisance caused by Drugs or Alcohol	2
Environmental Nuisance (including graffiti, fly-tipping and vehicle nuisance)	1

Frequency of Nuisance

Several times a day	5
Daily	4
Several times a week	3
Several times a month	2

Categories of ASB

A risk based approach acknowledges that not everyone will feel the same impact when experiencing ASB as we all have different thresholds. However whatever the impact we have to remember that there are different categories of ASB and in some instances the 'victim's response may be considered unreasonable when it comes to the sanctions they want to see imposed. So even if they score the maximum level of risk, our ability to act may be restricted by the type of ASB.

Exercise – categorising ASB

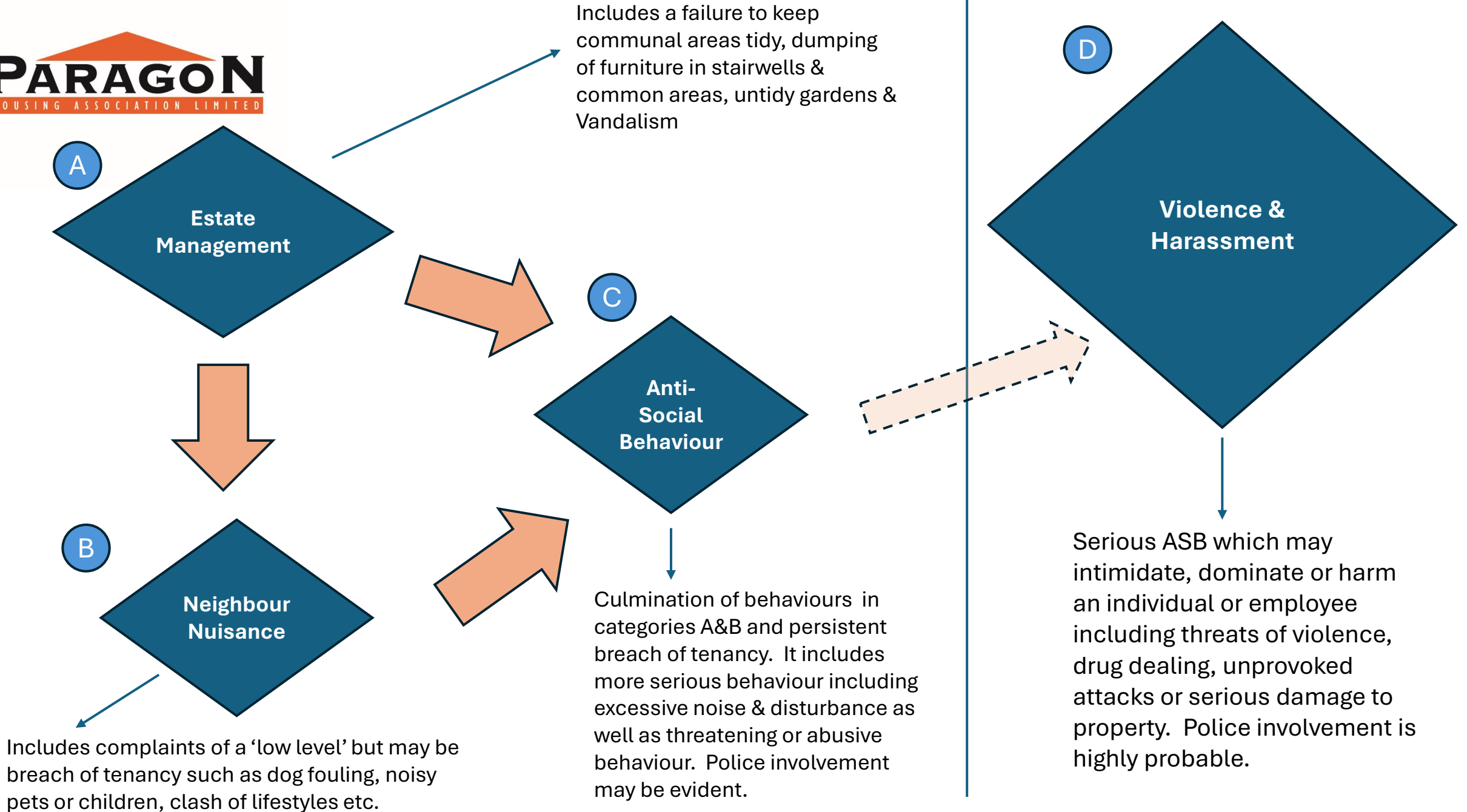
Have a look at the examples of ASB and think how you would categorise them. To start with put them into piles with other similar examples.

Categories of ASB

How many piles do you have?

Are there any examples that you think might move from one pile to another if they happened more frequently or became more severe?

Looking at the diagram on the next slide, do you think this is a good example of the relationship between different categories of ASB?





What have we missed, or is there a different approach that might be more effective?