Cheltenham Borough Council

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy

Summary Document

What Is This Leaflet About?

This summary explains how Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) deals with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in council housing. It tells you what ASB is, what CBC can do, and how you can get help.

X What Is Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)?

ASB is behaviour that:

- Harasses, alarms, or upsets people
- Causes a nuisance or disturbance
- Makes communities feel unsafe

Examples of ASB:

- Loud noise or shouting
- Drug use or dealing
- Threats or verbal abuse
- Vandalism or fly-tipping
- Hate crimes

▼ What Isn't ASB?

Some things are not considered ASB, such as:

- Children playing
- Normal daily noise
- Disagreements over parking or gardens
- Cats roaming
- Occasional social media arguments

For serious crimes like assault or drug dealing, call the Police first (999 in emergency, 101 otherwise).

Who Handles ASB?

CBC works with other organisations to tackle ASB:

- Police
- Environmental Health

- **SOLACE** (Police & Council team)
- Support services and charities

To Report ASB

You can report ASB to CBC:

• Call: 0800 408 0000

• Email: asbteam@cheltenham.gov.uk

• Online: Through the customer portal

CBC will respond:

• Urgent cases (e.g. hate crime): within 1 working day

• All others: within 5 working days

% What Happens After You Report?

- You'll be assigned an ASB Officer
- You may be asked to record incidents (log or app)
- If the problem continues, an investigation will start
- CBC may use:
 - Warnings
 - Mediation
 - o Support services
 - o Legal action (e.g., court orders or eviction)

Support For Everyone

CBC supports both:

- Victims (help, referrals, emotional support)
- Offenders (help with problems like mental health or addiction)

W Hate Crime

CBC will take strong action against any tenant who commits hate-related offences. Victims will be supported and referred to expert services.

ASB Case Review

If you report ASB 3 or more times in 6 months and nothing changes, you can ask for a Case Review.

All agencies will review your case

• It's not a complaint, it's a way to get results

Apply at:

gloucestershire.police.uk/asb-case-review

Feedback Matters

After your case is closed, you'll get a survey to rate our service. Your feedback helps us improve.

Need Help or More Info?

Contact CBC's ASB Team:

• **Phone:** 0800 408 0000

• Email: asbteam@cheltenham.gov.uk

• Website: cheltenham.gov.uk