### **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

#### The How 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
  - 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)

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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