

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL



CRIME AND DISORDER POLICY STATEMENT

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Section 5(2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the right of town and Town Councils to be consulted).

Section 17 outlines the Duty of Local Authorities to consider the implications of crime and disorder.

All Town Councillors are to be provided with a copy of 'section 17'.

This policy is to assist the Town Council in doing all they can within their available powers, to ensure West Moors residents and their families can live their lives in security and safety by assisting in reducing crime and the fear of crime. We must have community safety embedded into our policy and our operational day-to-day activity.

To achieve the above, it is recognised that responsibility does not just lie with West Moors Town Council as a corporate body, but with Councillors individually, staff, service users, appointed contractors or service providers. They must all individually and collectively comply with this policy.

2. STATUTORY POWERS

2.1 contribute to police services e.g. PCSOs (Police Act 1996, s.92).

2.2 install and maintain equipment (e.g. CCTV) and establish and maintain a scheme for detection or prevention of crime (Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31).

3. POLICY OBJECTIVES and BENEFITS

It is good practice to be actively involved within partnership working for the following reasons.

3.1 It avoids unnecessary duplication, confusion and waste of resources.

3.2 There is greater potential impact on crime and disorder through increased agency involvement.

3.3 Pooling resources maximises their effectiveness.

- 3.4 It provides opportunities for sharing expertise and teaming from others.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 monitoring services such as managing Town Council buildings, playing fields, cemetery and other assets.
- 4.2 tackling anti-social and nuisance behaviour via offering facilities (skate park with youth shelter) for the younger generation and offering annual funding to maintain the local Youth and Community Club.
- 4.3 improving communication between the public and the Police, the Council and other public bodies by inviting the local PCSO's to all public events, annual public meetings and publishing their contact details on the notice boards.
- 4.4 addressing problems, which impact on communities' feelings of safety such as fly tipping, abandoned vehicles and graffiti. The Town regularly receive, process and resolve these issues, working in partnership with Dorset Police and Dorset Waste Partnership.
- 4.5 liaising with the Dorset Council Housing department in regard to homeless issues in the village, reducing anti-social behaviour and hate crime.
- 4.6 working in partnership with Dorset Council on any local parking, road work, traffic or highway issues.
- 4.7 receiving regular visits from the local PCSO summarising incidents affecting the local community.
- 4.8 sharing updates via the Town Council's Facebook page with a view to raising awareness of local issues.

5. COUNCIL DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Protocol 03 – CCTV Code of Practice
- (b) Protocol 05 - Complaints procedure.
- (c) Protocol 11 – Travellers Policy

6. POLICY REVIEW

West Moors Town Council will review this policy as is necessary and appropriate, and at a minimum on a 3 to 4 year basis.