

**Motion referred from Council: Anti-Social Behaviour in the City Centre**

The motion below was approved and adopted at the Council meeting on 19 July 2023. As the subject matter relates to an executive function, it is referred to Cabinet to consider further.

*Anti-Social Behaviour in the City Centre*

*If our city is to continue to thrive, residents and visitors must feel safe and that policing is responsive to their concerns.*

*This Council notes the recent incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the historic city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods, which included:*

- *damage to property;*
- *harassment and abuse of staff and customers in the retail and hospitality sectors;*
- *thefts from shops which harm businesses and which can heighten vulnerability experienced by retail staff and customers.*

*We welcome recent action and successes by the police, but call on the City Council and local Community Safety Partnership:*

- *to review and publish the latest evidence of the extent, nature and drivers of ASB, as well as the extent of public willingness to report incidents, to inform and develop a new Anti-Social Behaviour Plan;*
- *to seek a new collaboration with Essex Youth Services to develop and resource a new Youth Outreach Strategy to engage more effectively with those young people currently involved in ASB;*
- *to bring together adult social care, health and substance misuse services to map efforts to address the causes of ASB*
- *to work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to review policing resource for Colchester.*