

Motion to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour in the local community

The Union Believes:

- As a result of a recent strategic review and a more focussed approach towards community engagement, the SU would like to take a more active involvement in addressing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), in partnership with the University of Lincoln, the local ASB Team and policing services.
- The union's 2013-16 strategy reflects this need of our members and stakeholders and in the operation plan for Vice-President Welfare & Community the following actions are outlined;
*"-Write a policy on students assimilating in the local community
-Bring the motion to 1st Council (Oct 11th)
-Create a template letter for sending to students in the event of a complaint
-When a complaint is received, we will send a letter to the tenants informing them of our Policy and our strategic objectives to improve community relations
-If issues persist, visit the tenants at the property with local councillor(s)
-Keep a record of who has been written to/visited (who, when, why, etc)"¹*
- In accordance with The Student Charter, a document outlining the responsibilities and expectations of both the University and the students, and signed by the Vice Chancellor and the Students' Union President, the Students' Union (SU) wants to focus on community cohesion and building strong relationships with the local community. Students should feel a part of Lincoln, and feel included in the residential areas of the city. Equally, as outlined in The Student Charter, students should *"show respect for the environment and the local community"*¹.

The Union Resolves:

- To have a system in place, so that when a complaint against a student or student household is received by the students' union, a letter will be sent to the student(s) involved to remind them of our policy and our strategic objectives to improve community relations and actions they can take to remedy the issues with neighbours whether students or not.
- Should issues persist, members of the SU Executive will visit the students at their property, accompanied by a local councillor(s) and/or community police to discuss the matter in person.
To keep a record of who has been written to/visited.

¹ Alcorn. B, VPW&C Operational Plan 2013-14,

¹<http://visit.lincoln.ac.uk/C2/StudentServices/Document%20Library/2013UOL,Student Charter.pdf>

TEMPLATE LETTER

Dear Students,

The Students' Union (SU) has recently received a complaint regarding Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) at your address. We would like to remind you of the responsibilities of all students enrolled at the University of Lincoln, which is outlined in The Student Charter. This is a document outlining the responsibilities and expectations of both the University and the students, and signed by the Vice Chancellor and the Students' Union President. The Student Charter states that students should "show respect for the environment and the local community". A digital version is available at the following address:

<http://visit.lincoln.ac.uk/C2/StudentServices/Document%20Library/2013UOL,Student,Charter.pdf>

The SU is dedicated to fulfilling its vision:

A students' union where every Lincoln student has a great experience and is encouraged and assisted to fulfil their potential both at university and in life

As such, we don't want to take away from students having a good time – however we must remind you to be sensitive to the fact that you live in a residential area with a diverse population. You do not live in a "student area". Many of the residents have to get up early in the morning to commute to work and there are a lot of young children who are easily awoken. ASB takes many forms, so please be considerate of your neighbours if you are having a group of friends over for a party or for "pre-drinks", particularly after 11 o'clock. When you are walking to and from the city centre, either making your way to, or home from, a pub or club, please keep noise to a minimum. Do not litter or damage property.

If issues persist and the SU receives further complaints, an Officer and a local councillor will come to speak to you in person to address these matters.

Please do contact your Students' Union if you do have any questions about this letter and we will be happy to discuss things further.

Kind Regards,