

## Press Release 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

Figures unveiled by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) show that around 14 million incidents of anti-social behaviour take place each year - this is the equivalent of 26 every minute. Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Sir Denis O'Connor has further commented that only a quarter of the incidents of anti-social behaviour are in fact reported to the police.

The crime and anti social behaviour activity which is populating these statistics, and, the emphasis which has been placed to look beyond the use of measures such as ASBOs, and on to citizens to take a larger role in tackling the problem, is putting increasing pressure on stakeholders involved in tackling this behaviour in neighbourhoods and local communities.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010 the Northern Housing Consortium is bringing together the broad range of people involved in reducing anti – social behaviour at their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Conference.

Delegates will hear about; a new approach to prevention and how the coalition Government suggests the police will 'become a more responsive active and accountable part of their communities'. The event will also cover how practitioners can involve members of the public in tackling ASB and share the practical remedies available.

For more information on this year's conference, visit the Northern Housing Consortium website at: <http://www.northern-consortium.org.uk/Page/Events/crimeandاسب2010.aspx>

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### Notes to editors

1. The Northern Housing Consortium is a non-political, not for profit, member based organisation, whose members between them manage almost 90% of social housing in the North. Our main roles are:
  - To provide a comprehensive range of timely, relevant and affordable services for members with a distinct focus on Northern issues.
  - To take a lead role in enabling the improvement of housing and organisational performance in the North.
  - To work with Government and other bodies to ensure the region benefits from the resources and funding available to provide safe, vibrant, sustainable communities.