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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 20 FEBRUARY 2023

REPORT ON: ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT NO: 43-2023

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview on the reporting figures to the Neighbourhood Services - Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Team for the period 1st October – 31st December 2022.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1. It is recommended that Committee notes the report.

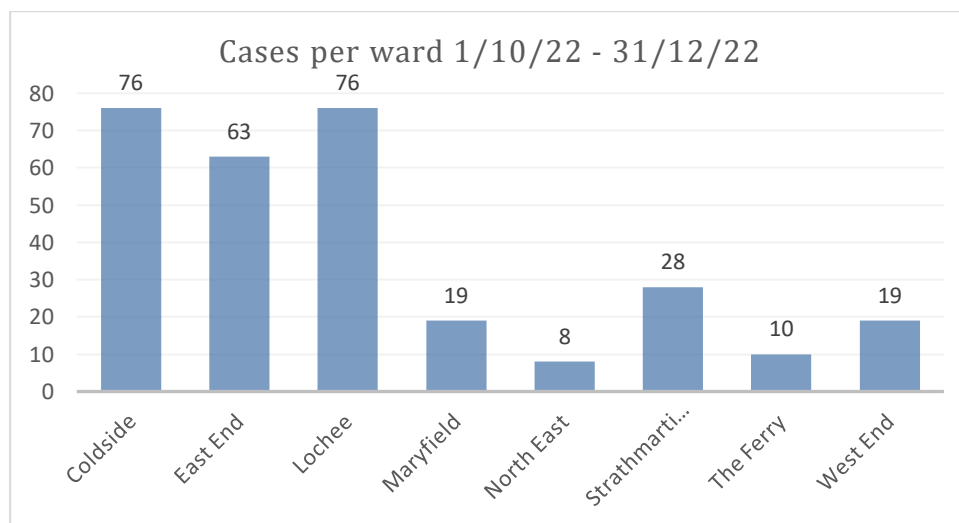
3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4 DATA RELATING TO REPORTING PERIOD

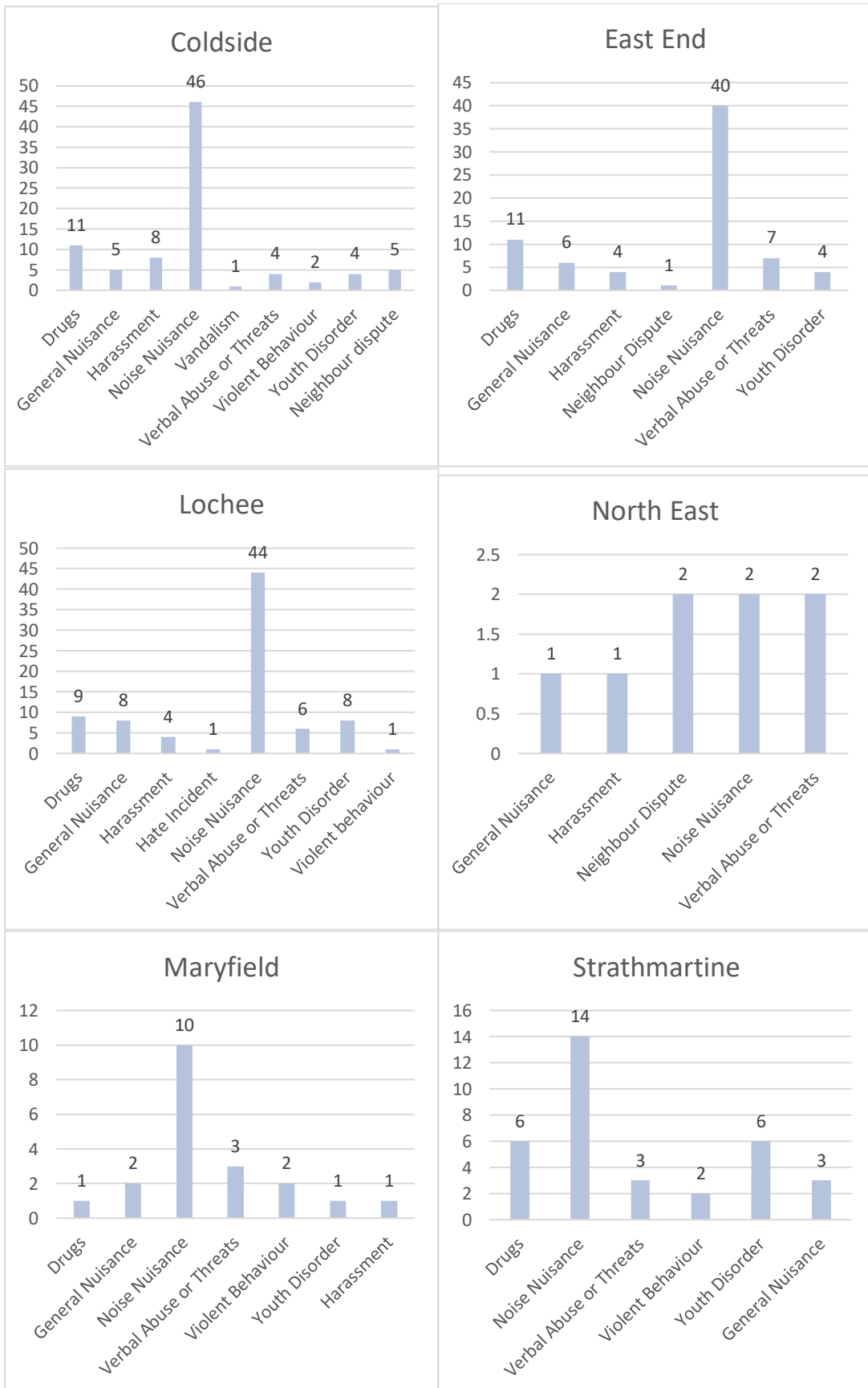
A total of 299 cases of antisocial behaviour have been recorded during this reporting period. Out of these 299 cases, 113 were re-opened to the team. The cases re-opened are not necessarily cases which had been raised initially during this reporting period and most likely from previous reporting periods. This compares to 254 cases last quarter, however, this report will now include cases which have been re-opened. This data was not previously available to include in the report.

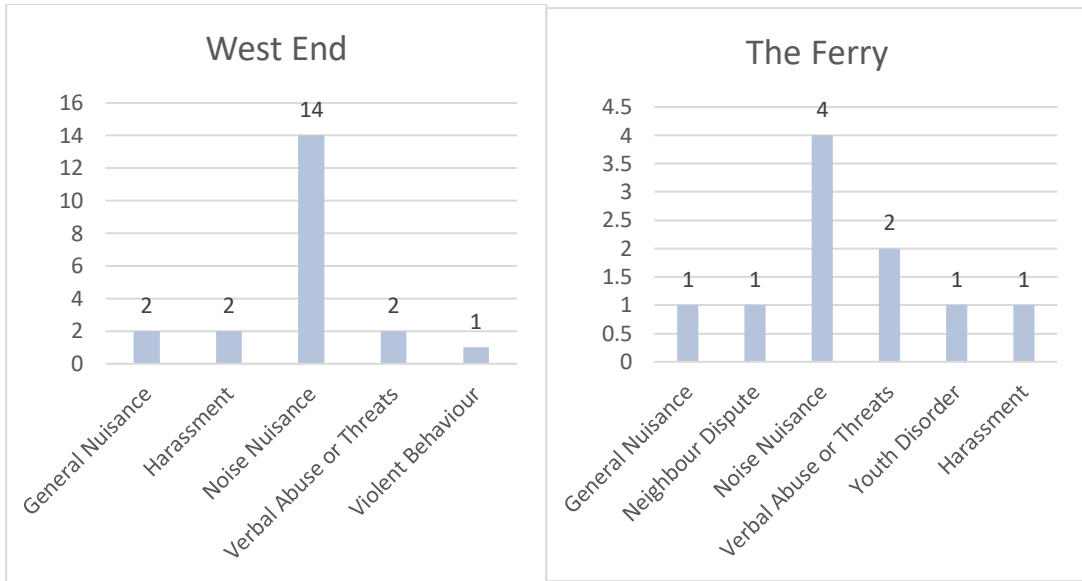
4.1 Number of cases recorded per multi member ward area between 1/10/22 – 31/12/22:



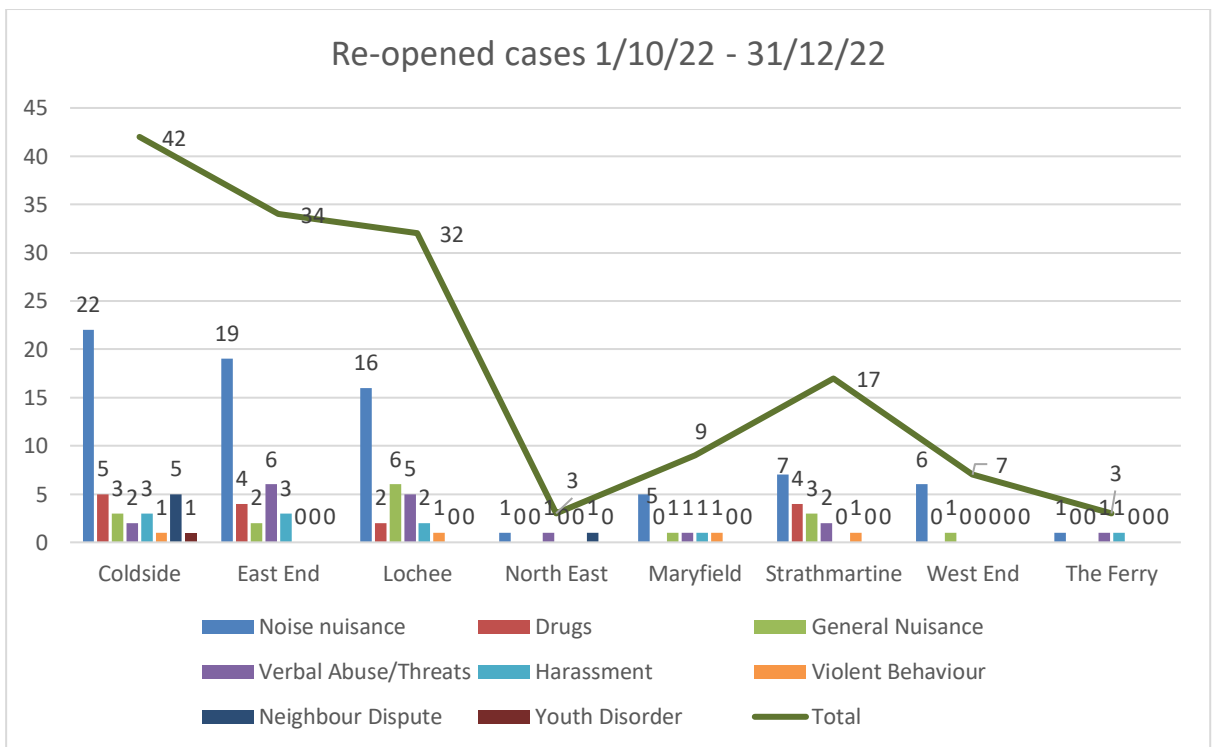
4.2 Types of complaints per multi member ward area between 1/10/22 – 31/12/22. Please note some cases have multiple categories applied, therefore the total numbers of categories are

slightly higher than the number of cases, 299 cases with 333 categories recorded. Again, it is highlighted that re-opened cases are also included in these figures.





4.3 The graph below shows the breakdowns of ward areas where cases have been re-opened.



This shows the highest number of cases which return to the team are due to noise nuisance. Again, these are most prevalent in the Coldside, East End and Lochee Ward areas. A further analysis of a sample of cases being re-opened will be undertaken so the team can work towards reducing the number of returning complaints.

4.4 Consistent with Q1 and Q2 of 2022-2023, in this reporting period noise nuisance has been the highest reported complaint overall. However, records are showing a downwards trend in relation to new noise cases being recorded compared with previous reporting periods. In Q3 of this year, 97 new noise cases were raised, compared with 116 raised in Q2.

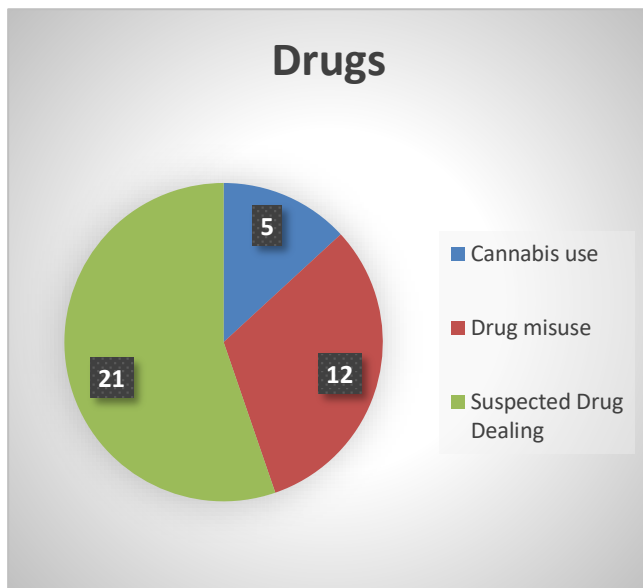
Complaints relating to drug related antisocial behaviour are showing an increase in this quarter, 38 cases being reported in Q3, compared to 35 in Q2. 23 of the cases reported are new, with 15 being re-opened from previous reporting periods.

There is a continued increase in reports relating to Youth Disorder, 24 cases being raised over Q3, with only 1 of these being re-opened from previous reporting periods. There were 14 cases in Q2 and 8 during Q1.

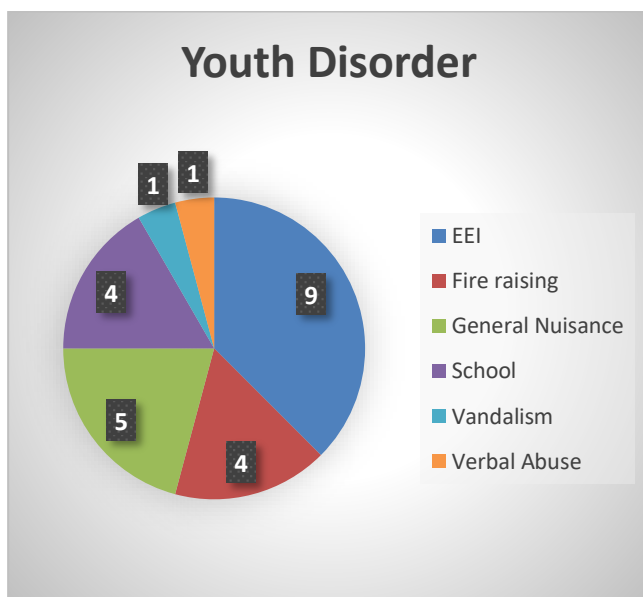
Over all new cases have continued to reduce with a total of 186 new cases reported this quarter compared with 254 last quarter.

It should be noted that the over all complaints have slightly increased as per reported above, however, this is due to the re-opened cases now being reported on. These figures had not been available previously.

4.5 The graphs below show further breakdowns of all complaints in terms of sub-categories:

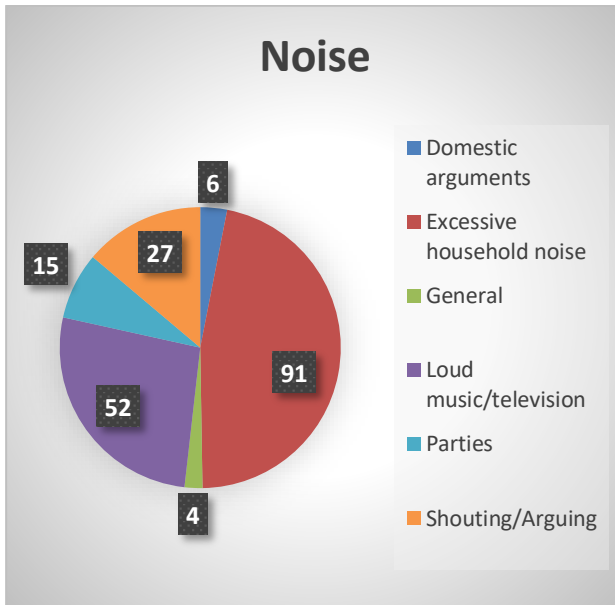


Suspected drug dealing cases have increased this quarter, from 19 to 21. Drug misuse complaints have also increased from 7 in Q2, compared to 12 in Q3. Cannabis complaints have reduced slightly from 8 to 5.



Youth Disorder reports have also increased this quarter, compared with last from 14 to 24.

Similarly to last quarter the largest source of youth complaints has come via the Early & Effective Intervention Multi Agency Partnership (EEI).



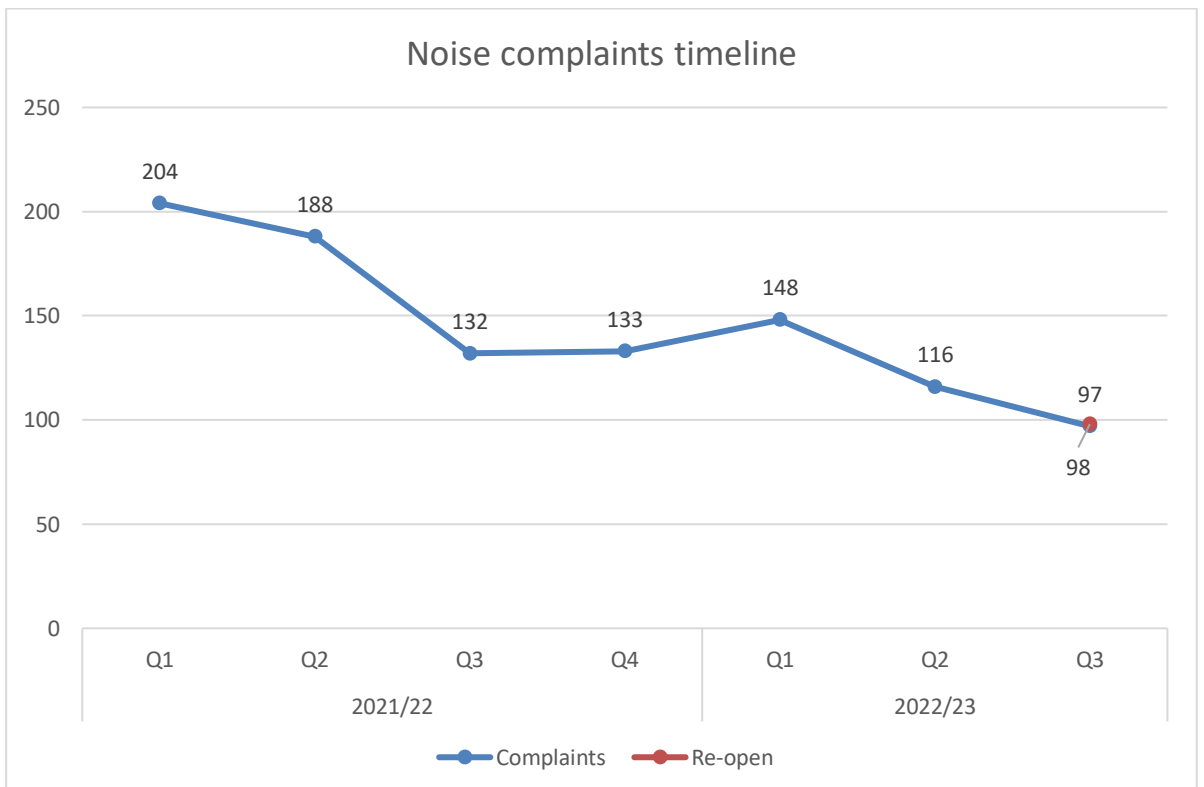
The graph shows excessive household noise dominates the complaints received by the team in relation to noise. This is followed by loud television or music.

This shows the largest portion of noise related cases are low level.

58.5% of total complaints received by the team related to noise, 42.9% of those being lower level noise complaints.

97% of total noise complaints reported this quarter (195) have been re-opened cases (98)

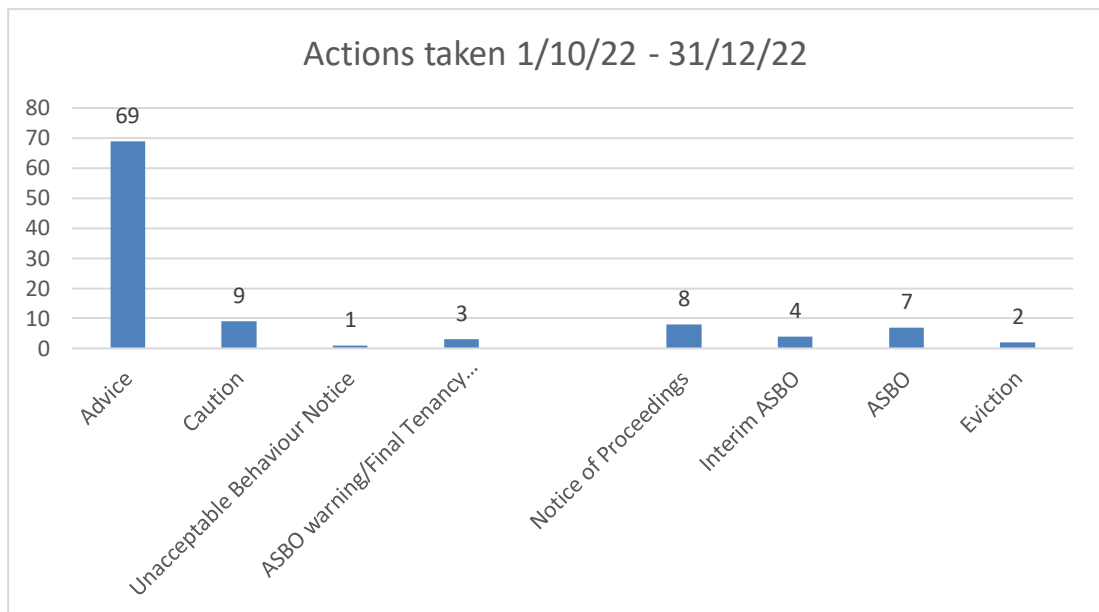
Of the highest reported categories, 37 cases relating to excessive household noise and 28 cases relating to loud music or television have been re-opened this quarter



Above graph shows a timeline of noise complaints from 2021 to date. Please note re-opens are only recorded from Q3 of 2022/23 when this data became available.

4.6 Actions taken:

Given the small number of legal actions required, this report will provide figures on a citywide basis to ensure anonymity.



5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Leadership Team were consulted on the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

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