

Appendix B

EXTRACT FROM COMMITTEE

Policy Scrutiny Committee

7 June 2022

4. Updated Noise Policy

Francesca Bell, PPASB and Licensing Service Manager:

- a. presented the revised Noise Nuisance Policy for consideration prior to referral to Executive
- b. advised that the Council has a statutory function in relation to the investigation of 'statutory nuisance' as defined in the Environmental Act 1990
- c. explained that the Council's Noise Policy was last revised and updated in 2016 following the introduction of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 which specifically complemented statutory nuisance and noise investigation legislation
- d. referred to the revised policy at appendix A of the report and highlighted the following changes:
 - i. The policy had been updated to reflect the changes in the Council's Strategic Priorities
 - ii. Obsolete guidance which had been revoked had been removed in relation to alarms sounding and provided further guidance in relation to the silencing of internal and external alarms
 - iii. Included minimal amendments in relation to changes in Data Protection legislation
- e. invited members questions and comments:

Question: Referred to paragraph 9.3 of the report and asked what was considered reasonable times for DIY/ construction.

Response: Reasonable times was usually considered as Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Sunday and public and bank holidays (only for emergencies).

Question: Further asked what was considered an un-reasonable time for children playing.

Response: Children playing at 10/11pm at night could be considered as unreasonable, however there may be other reasons for this and noise nuisance may not be the best way of dealing with this situation.

RESOLVED that the revised Noise Policy be supported and referred to Executive for approval.