

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

**REPORT ON: EU ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DIRECTIVE - ACTION PLANNING UPDATE**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**

**REPORT NO: 166-2015**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To update Committee on the progress being made with the implementation of the EU Environmental Noise Directive in respect of Dundee City Council's requirement on the assessment and management of environmental noise.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the content of this report and remits the Director of Environment to submit the proposed Noise Management Areas and Quiet Areas as detailed below to the Scottish Government for formal approval.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Reference is made to Article II of the Environment Committee of 9th December 2013 (Report No. 508-2013 refers) which advised on the EU Environmental Noise Directive, provided an update on how Dundee City Council was working with the Scottish Government to meet compliance with this directive, and sought approval for the Council's proposed response to the associated Scottish Government consultation exercise on the then draft Dundee Agglomeration Noise Action Plan.

4.2 The Dundee Agglomeration Noise Action Plan was published by the Scottish Government in July 2014. This Noise Action Plan contains lists of Candidate Noise Management Areas (CNMA) and Candidate Quiet Areas (CQA) identified within the Dundee City Council boundary within the Dundee Agglomeration. The CNMAs for road traffic and rail noise, and CQAs are listed in Table 1 and Table 2 of Appendix 1.

4.3 Following the publication of the Dundee Agglomeration Noise Action Plan, the review process of all of the CNMAs and CQAs identified within the Dundee City Council boundary was completed using the appropriate technical guidance documents. This process allows for each candidate area to be more closely examined in order to establish whether or not it should be submitted to the Scottish Government for progression to Noise Management Area or Quiet Area status.

4.4 Consequently, three of the nine road traffic noise areas within Dundee City Council were identified for progression to NMA status. These are listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1. The exact area contained within the NMAs will be subject to further consultation with the Scottish Government.

4.5 Neither of the two rail noise areas require to be progressed to NMA status.

4.6 Four CQAs are to be progressed to QAs. These are listed in Table 2 of Appendix 1. Please note that Lochee Park and Balgay Hill have since been combined with Victoria Park to create one larger QA.

- 4.7 The Dundee Agglomeration Noise Action Plan includes proposed actions for NMAs and QAs for the EU Environmental Noise Directive Round Two period of 2013 to 2018. The Noise Action Plan aims to reduce noise levels in NMAs and protect QAs where possible by taking them into consideration in future planning, transport and any other related decisions. Any potential remedial action will be subject to a cost benefit analysis at the appropriate time and consideration will also be given to who would be responsible for any proposed actions and whether or not they are affordable or desirable.
- 4.8 Further Noise Action Plans for the Dundee Agglomeration will be produced and published for future rounds of the EU Environmental Noise Directive process. Round Three noise maps are due in 2017, with the Round Three Noise Action Plan then published and submitted to the EU during 2019.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has no policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of City Development and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have all been consulted in relation to this report.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Dundee Agglomeration Noise Action Plan published by the Scottish Government July 2014](#)

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## Appendix 1

**Table 1: Candidate Noise Management Areas – Road Traffic and Rail Noise**

<b>Candidate Noise Management Areas – Road Traffic Noise</b>			
<b>CNMA ID</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Put forward to progress to NMA status?</b>
1	Coupar Angus Road, South Road, Aimer Square, Lochee, Dundee	Dundee City	NO
2	Lochee Road at Dudhope Terrace, Lower Pleasance, Coldside, Dundee	Dundee City	NO
<b>3</b>	<b>Princes Street, Albert Street, Forfar Road, Maryfield, Dundee</b>	<b>Dundee City</b>	<b>YES*</b>
4	Hawkhill at Session Street, West End, Dundee	Dundee City	NO
<b>5</b>	<b>A929, A991 at Meadowside, Ladywell Avenue, Maryfield, Dundee</b>	<b>Dundee City</b>	<b>YES*</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Seagate, East Marketgait, Maryfield, Dundee</b>	<b>Dundee City</b>	<b>YES*</b>
7	South Marketgait at Trades Lane, Maryfield, Dundee	Dundee City	NO
8	King Street, Princes Street, Maryfield, Dundee	Dundee City	NO
9	Broughty Ferry Road at Carolina Court, East End, Dundee	Dundee City	NO
<b>Candidate Noise Management Areas – Rail Noise</b>			
1	Near St Vincent Street, Queen Street	Dundee City	NO
2	Near Queen Street, Church Street	Dundee City	NO
* The exact area of the proposed Noise Management Area will be subject to further consultation with the Scottish Government.			

**Table 2: Candidate Quiet Areas**

<b>Candidate Quiet Areas</b>			
<b>QA ID</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Put forward to progress to QA status?</b>
1	South Road Park, Dundee	Dundee City	NO
2	<b>Lochee Park, Dundee</b>	<b>Dundee City</b>	<b>YES*</b>
3	<b>Balgay Hill</b>	<b>Dundee City</b>	<b>YES*</b>
4	<b>The Law Hill</b>	<b>Dundee City</b>	<b>YES</b>
5	<b>Baxter Park</b>	<b>Dundee City</b>	<b>YES</b>
* The Lochee Park and Balgay Hill CQA's are to combine with Victoria Park to create one larger Quiet Area.			