

**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2022**

**REPORT ON: ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022**

**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**REPORT NO: 300-2022**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1. It is recommended that Committee notes the report.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

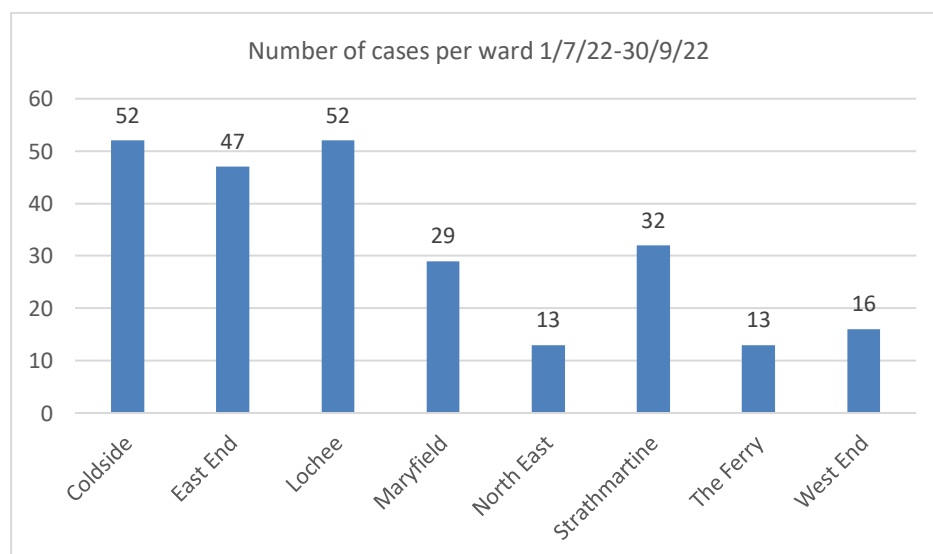
3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **4 DATA RELATING TO REPORTING PERIOD**

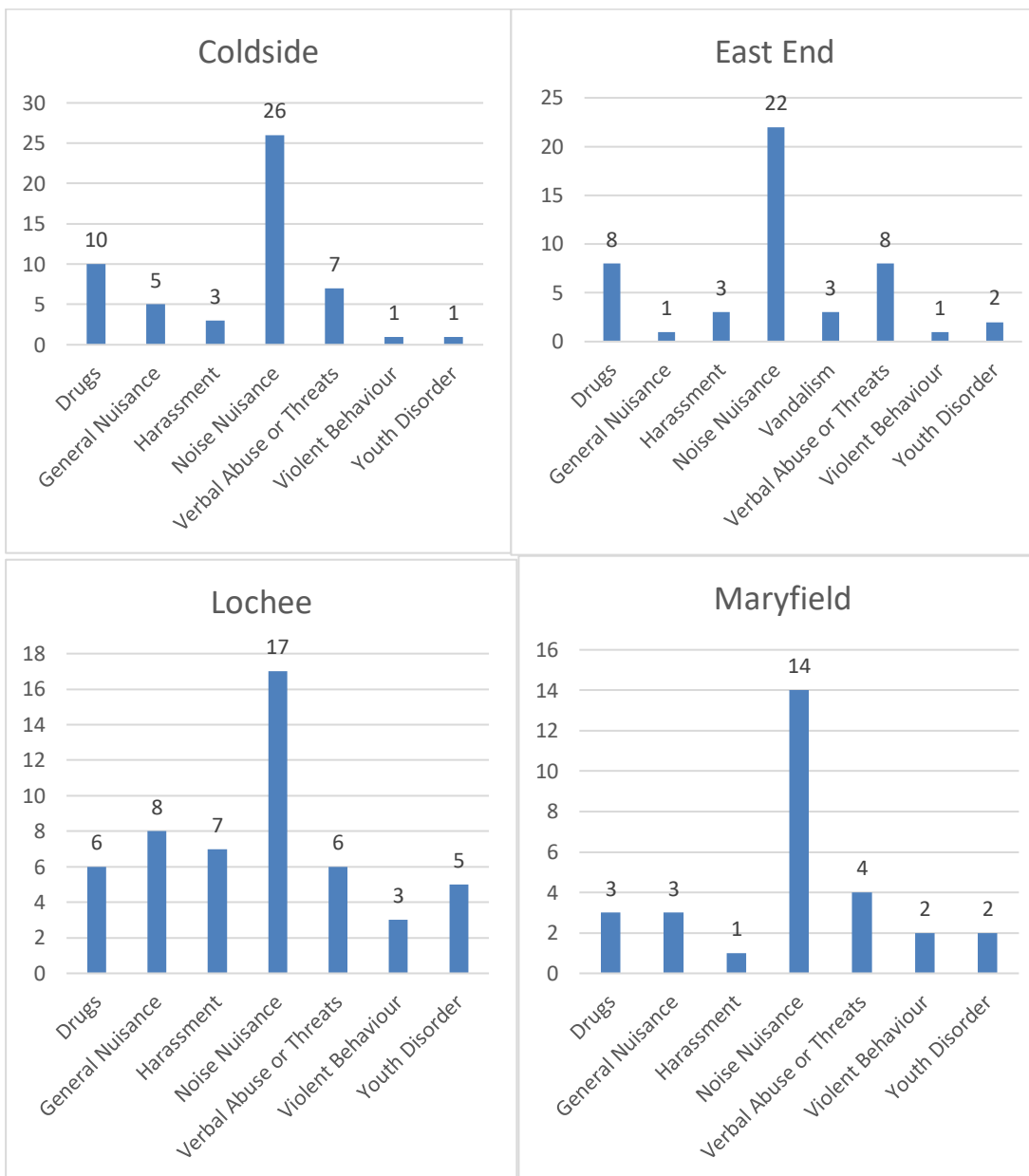
A total of 254 new cases of antisocial behaviour have been recorded during this reporting period. Out of these 254 cases, 11 complaints were withdrawn and 4 referred to other agencies. In addition, a total of 122 cases were re-opened during the reporting period, with 1 of these being referred to another agency giving a total of 360 cases requiring further investigation this quarter.

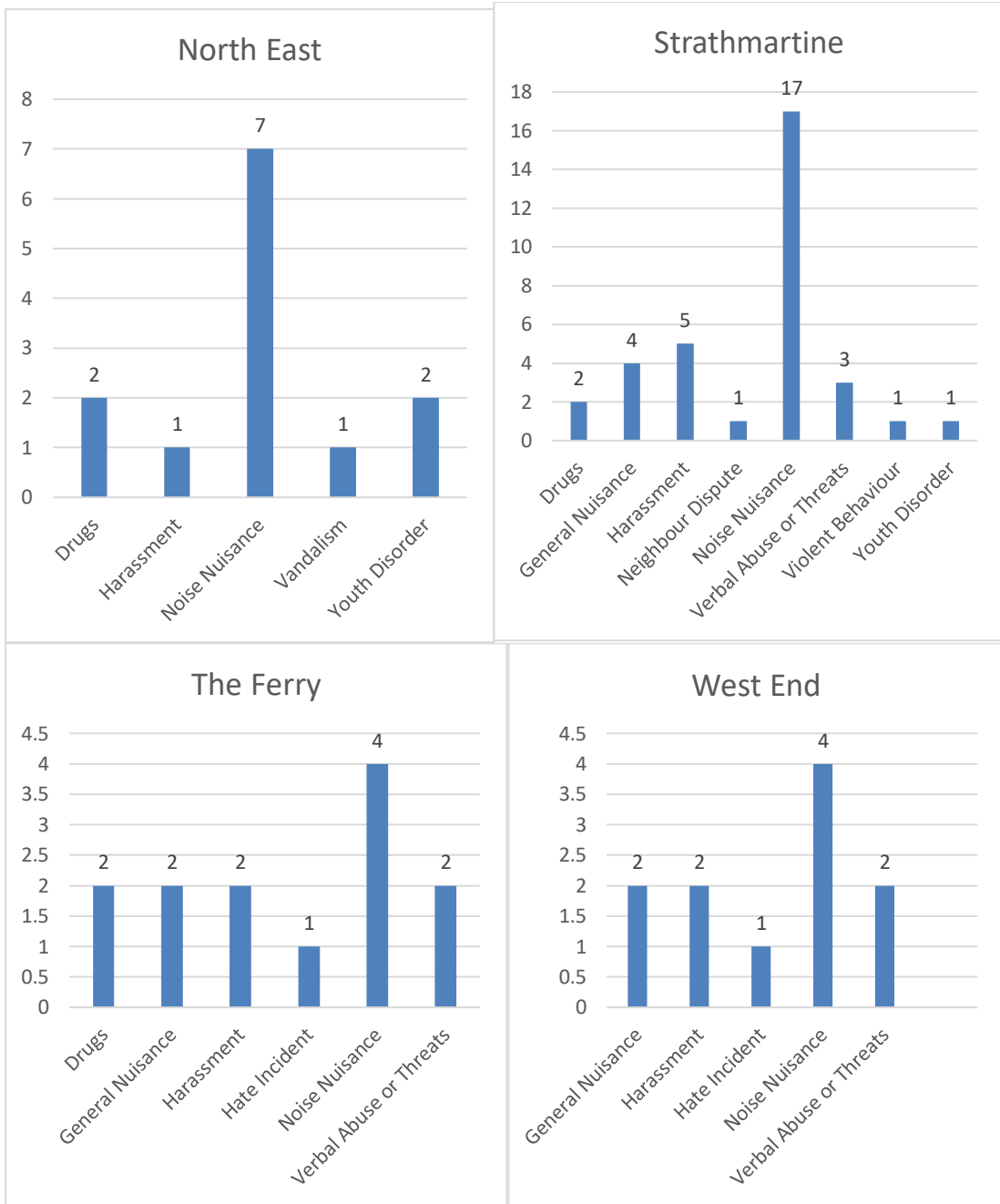
4.1 Number of cases recorded per multi member ward area between 1/7/22 – 30/9/22:

**Please note this does not include re-opened cases at this time, this has been requested to be included in the ward reports also. Therefore, ward report refers to the 254 new cases received.**



Types of complaints per multi member ward area between 1/7/22 – 30/9/22. Please note some cases have multiple categories applied, therefore the total numbers of categories are slightly higher than the number of cases, 254 cases with 256 categories recorded. Again re-opened cases are not included in this report but have been requested.





Consistent with Q1 of 2022-2023, in this reporting period noise nuisance has been the highest reported complaint in all 8 multi member ward areas. However, individual figures are showing a downwards trend in relation to new noise cases being recorded compared with previous reporting periods.

In Q2 of this year, 116 new noise cases were created, compared with 148 created in Q1.

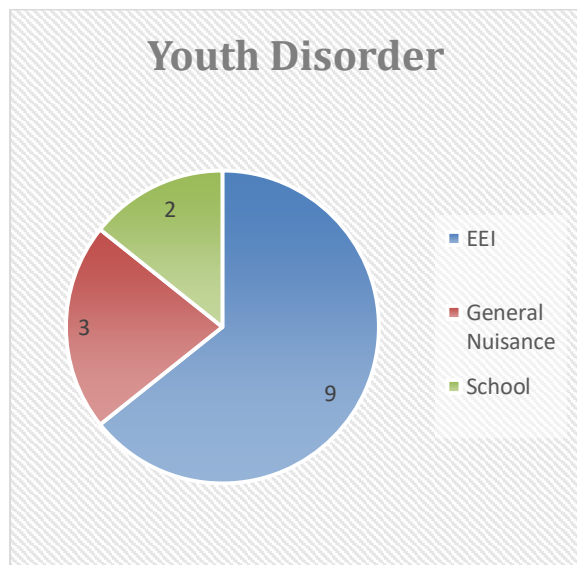
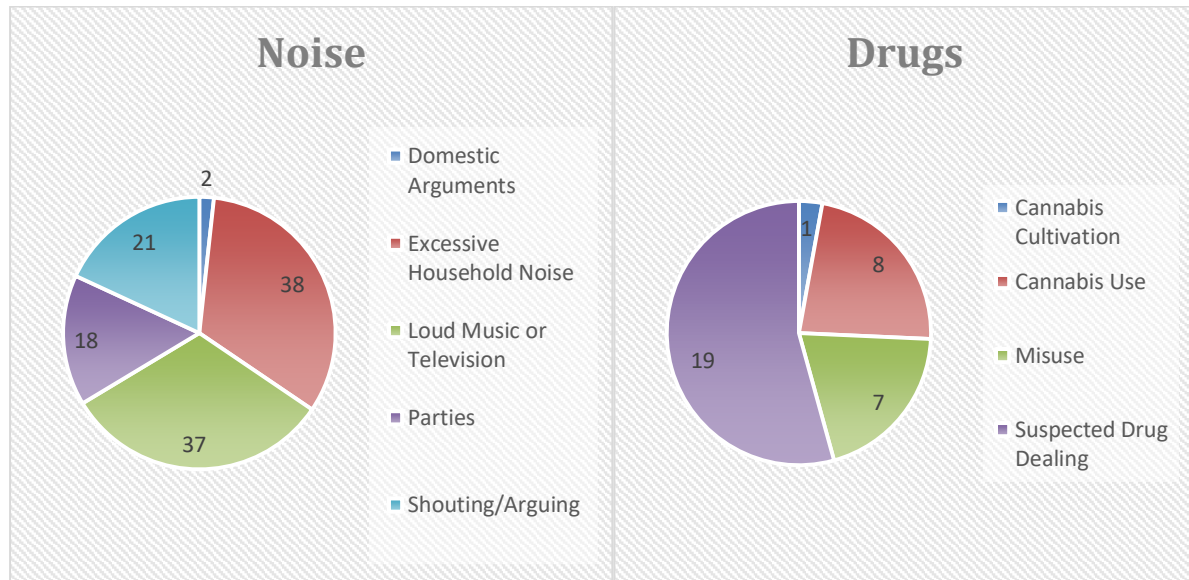
Complaints recorded for Verbal Abuse or Threats are also down, 32 cases being reported compared with 45 last quarter.

There is a slight increase in reports of drugs, 35 compared with 33 in quarter 1.

There is also an increase in reports relating to Youth Disorder, 14 cases being recorded this quarter, up from 8 last quarter.

However, overall cases have reduced with a total of 254 new cases reported this quarter compared with 276 last period (-22).

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



The EEI group (Early and Effective Intervention) comprises of Police Scotland’s Youth Justice Assessor, Antisocial Behaviour Team, Social Work Adolescent Teams and Education with further referral options to SFRS where appropriate. The Youth Justice Assessor receives all information relating to youth offending within the City. These young people are discussed within the group and decisions made to divert them to other services to prevent re-offending. The Antisocial Behaviour Team Youth Officer will engage with the young person and their family and look at the most suitable action. This is normally a Youth Notice which is a low level warning or an Acceptable Behaviour Contract which is prepared in conjunction with the young person and their parents/guardians to focus on what they can do to prevent being further involved in antisocial behaviour. Other options for referrals would be to Social Work Adolescent Team, SFRS (specifically for fire related offences) or the Children’s Reporter in more serious cases and where previous interventions had been attempted.

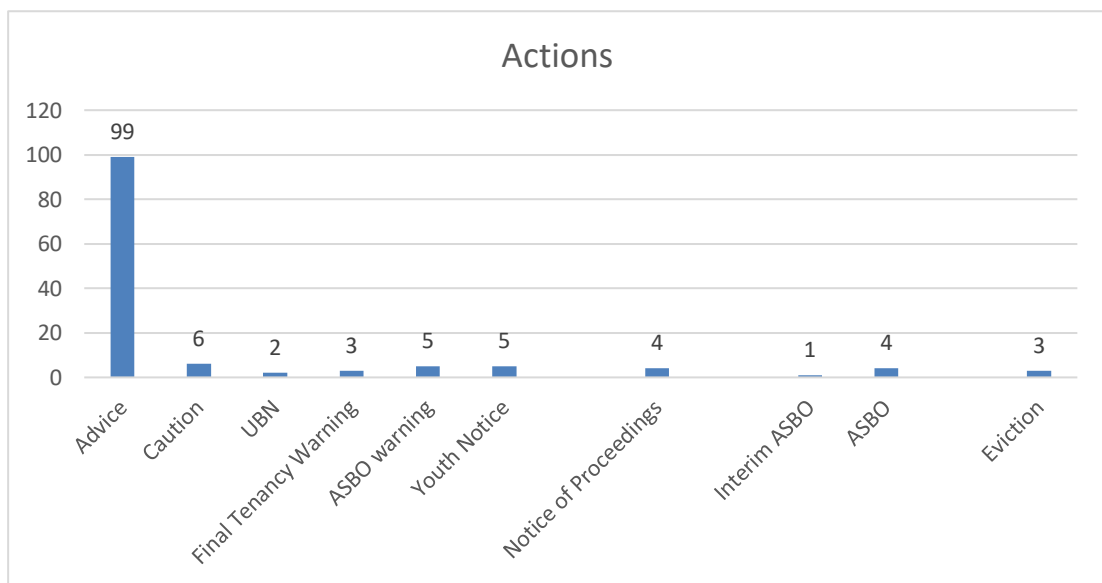
For noise complaints, the majority of these relate to excessive household noise and loud music or television, followed by shouting/arguing and parties.

The highest number of drug related complaints related to suspected drug dealing, this has slightly increase (+2) from last quarter.

The Youth Disorder reports have increased to 14 this quarter, the majority of these being referred from the Youth Justice Assessor in Police Scotland via the EEI\* process. Levels of community complaints remain low and the team will continue to focus on prevention work with partner agencies.

Actions taken:

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



### Staffing

After a period of retirements and moving on, three vacant posts within the Antisocial Behaviour Team have now been filled. Two new Investigation Officers started in October and the third will be starting in November this year, bringing the team back up to a full complement of staff.

## **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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