

ITEM No ...7.....

REPORT TO: CITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 18 NOVEMBER 2024
REPORT ON: ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – JULY – SEPTEMBER 2024
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
REPORT NO: 302-2024

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 July to 30th September 2024.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1. It is recommended that Committee notes the report.

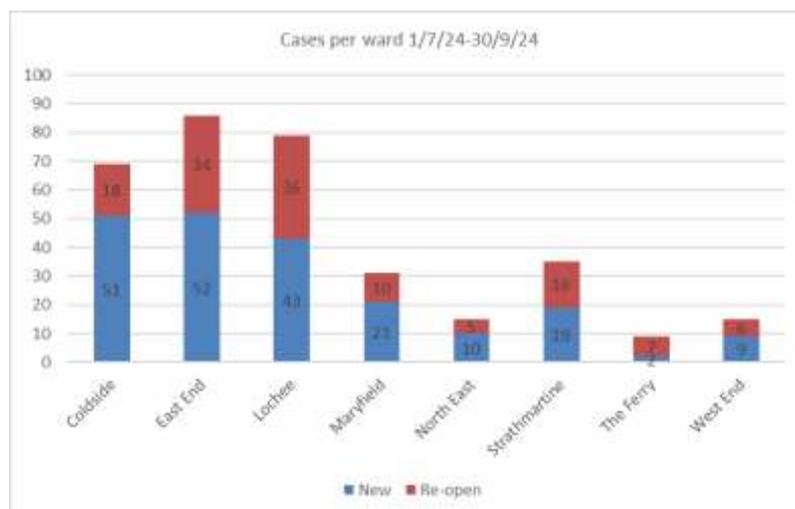
3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

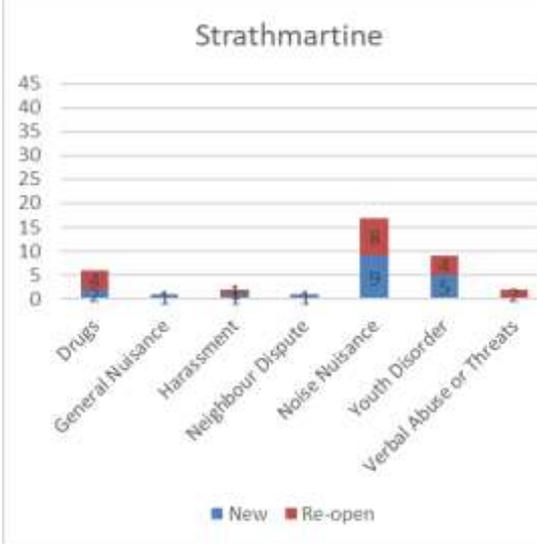
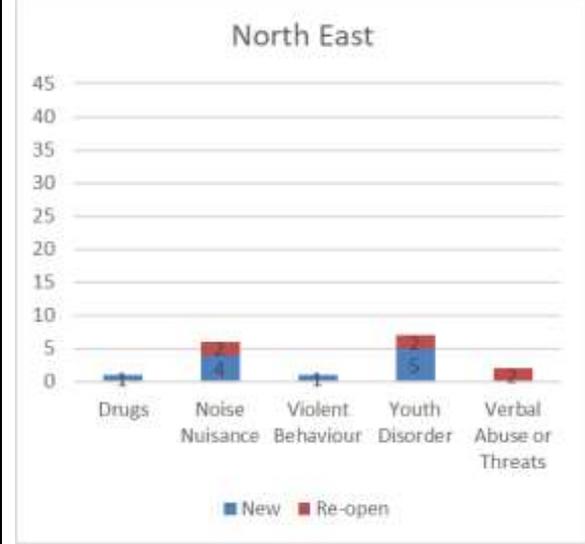
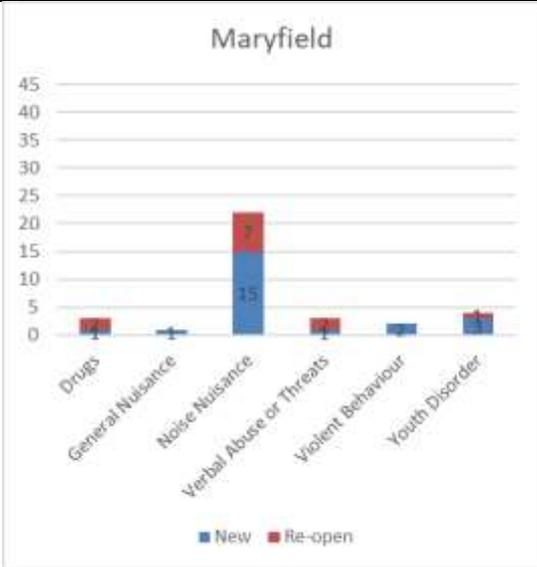
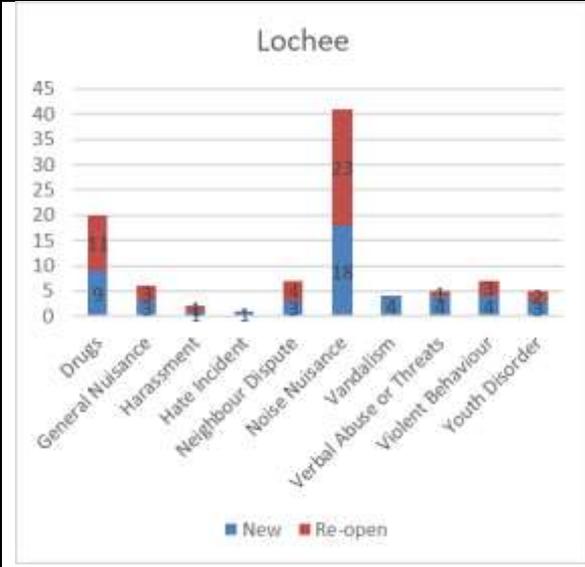
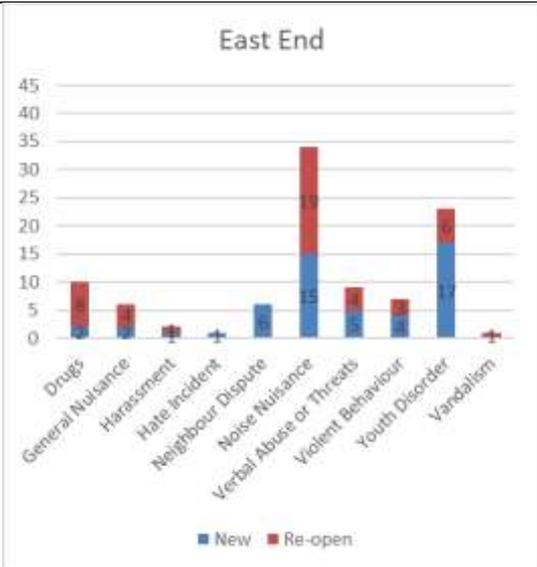
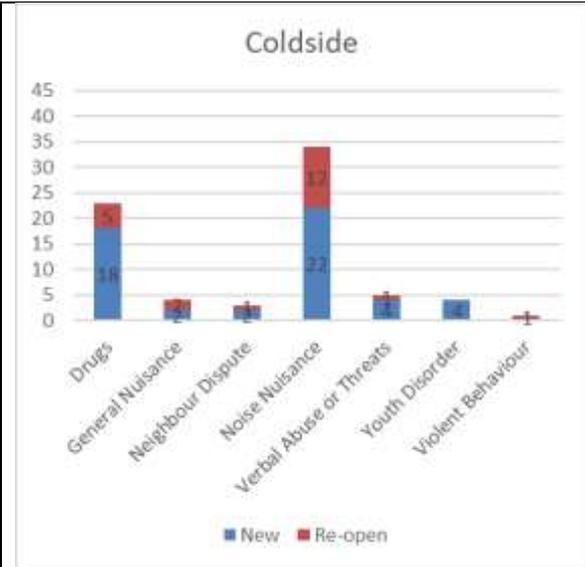
4 DATA RELATING TO REPORTING PERIOD

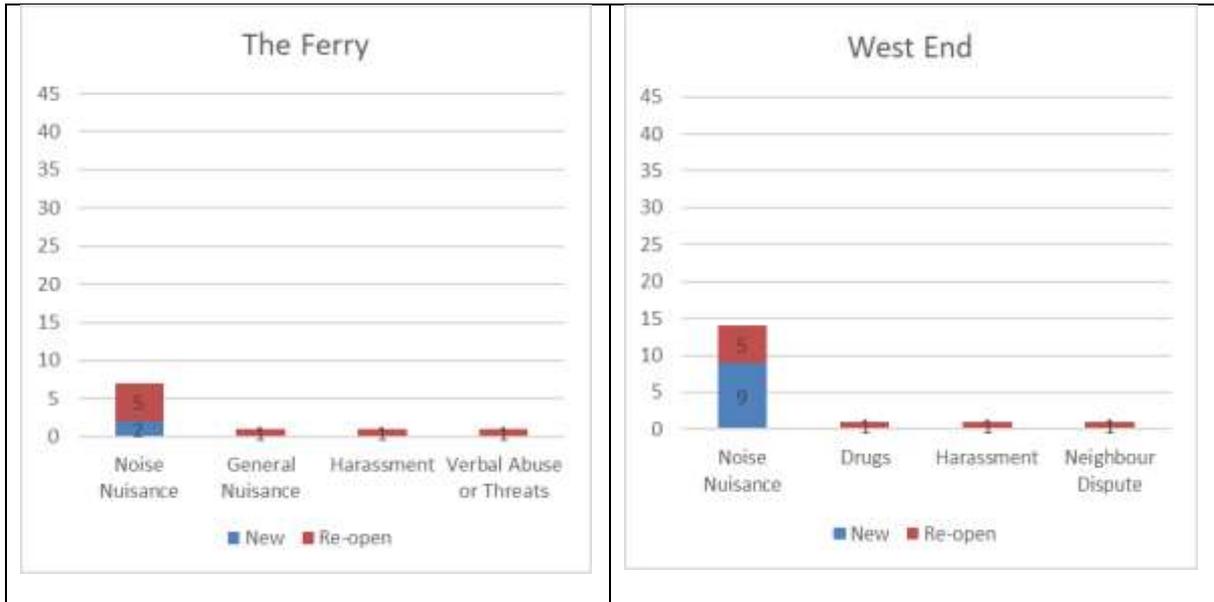
4.1 339 cases of antisocial behaviour have been recorded during the reporting period. 207 are new cases and 132 have been re-opened. The cases re-opened are not necessarily cases which had been raised initially during this quarter and most likely from previous reporting periods. This compares to 374 cases last quarter (224 new and 150 re-opens). This is a reduction on last period of 35 cases and, in comparison with Q2 of 2023-24 this is a reduction of 8 cases.

4.2 Number of cases recorded per multi member ward area between 1/7/24 and 30/9/24:



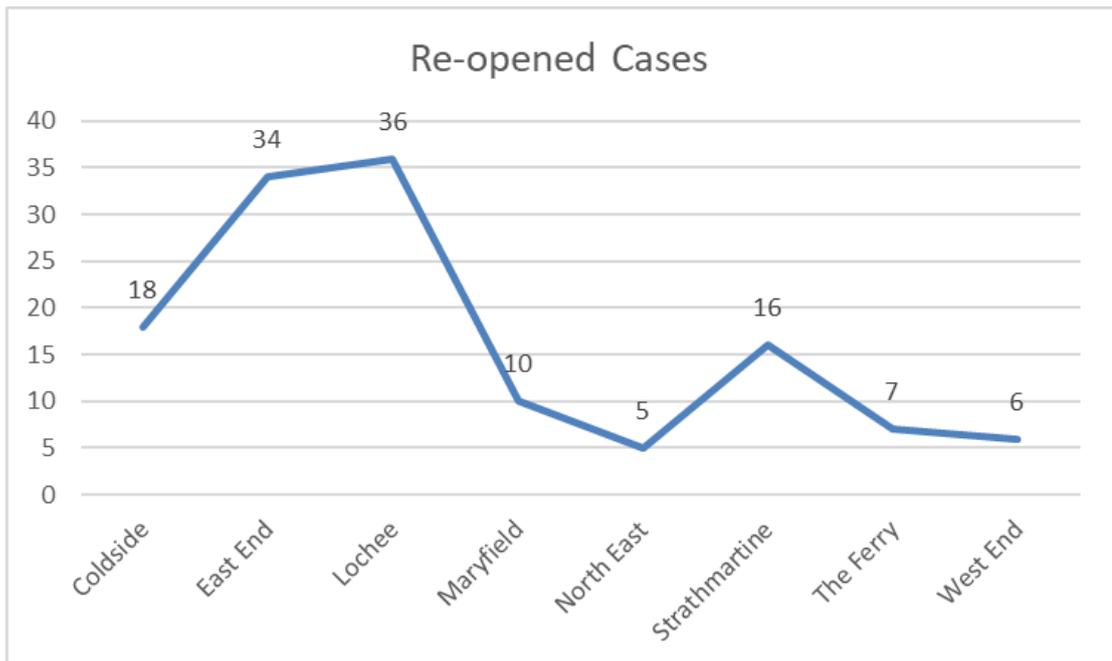
4.3 Types of complaints (new and re-opened) per multi member ward area between 1/1/24 - 31/3/24. Please note some cases have multiple categories applied, therefore the total numbers of categories may be slightly higher than the number of cases.





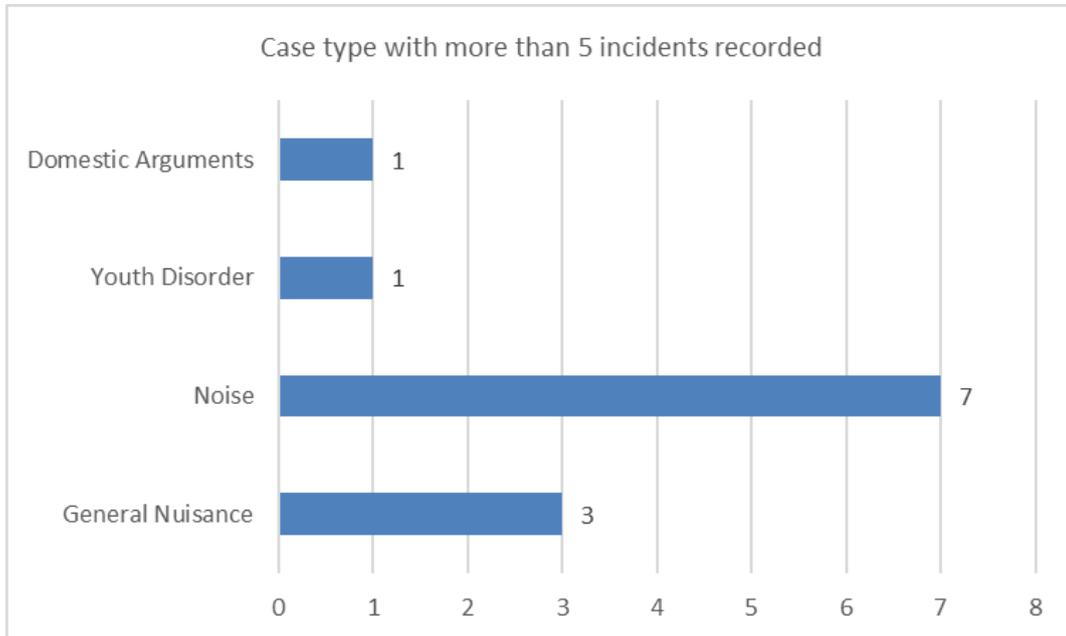
As with usual trends for ward areas, Coldsid, Lochee, and East End continue to report the highest proportion of antisocial complaints per area. Again, noise nuisance is the highest reported problem in all ward areas except North East.

4.4 The graph below shows the categories for which cases were re-opened in each ward area:

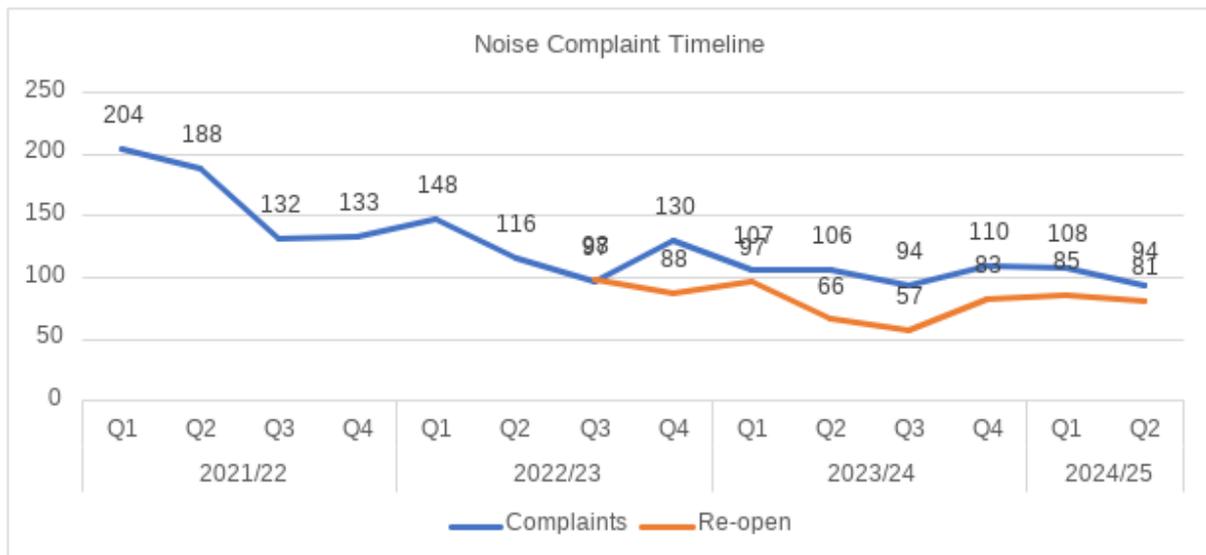


As with the ward specific graphs above, this shows most re-opened cases are in the areas with the highest number of overall complaints. Noise complaints account for 61.36% of re-opened cases.

4.5 Below are the number of cases received during the reporting period, where 5 or more incidents have been reported. This shows where there are repeated issues during the reporting period.

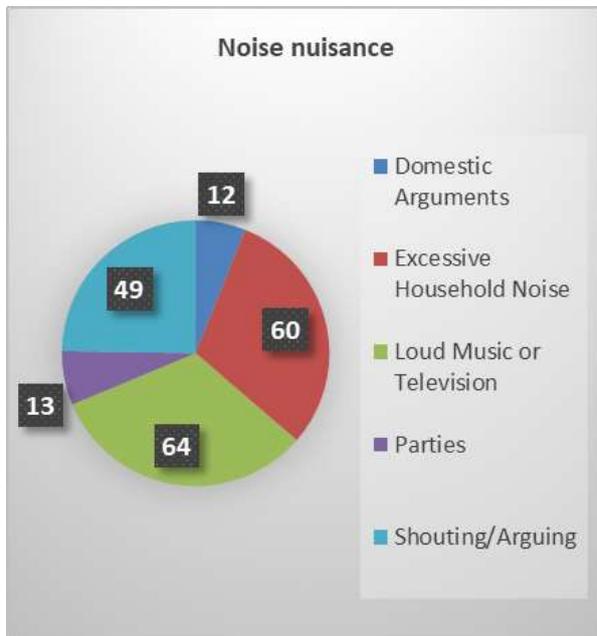


4.6 The noise timeline below shows the current pattern for noise complaints. It should be noted that data up to Q2 of 2022/23 did not illustrate how many complaints were new and this was applied from Q3 of that year onwards. Noise complaints have reduced this quarter, which is in line with trends last year. There are a total of 175 noise complaints reported between 1/7/24 and 30/9/24, which is slightly more (+3) than the same period last year (172).



NB at Q3 of 2022/23 the figures are 98 new complaints and 97 re-opens.

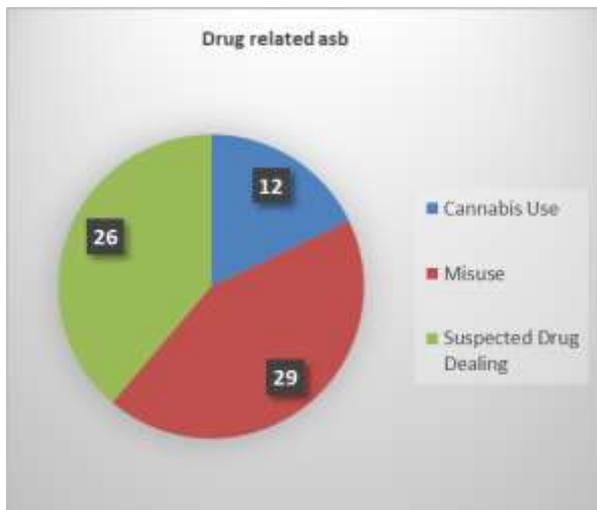
4.7 The graphs below show further breakdowns of complaint and sub-categories:



Of the 175 cases for noise, there are a total of 198 reports of various types of noise, meaning some cases have multiple types of noise complaints applied.

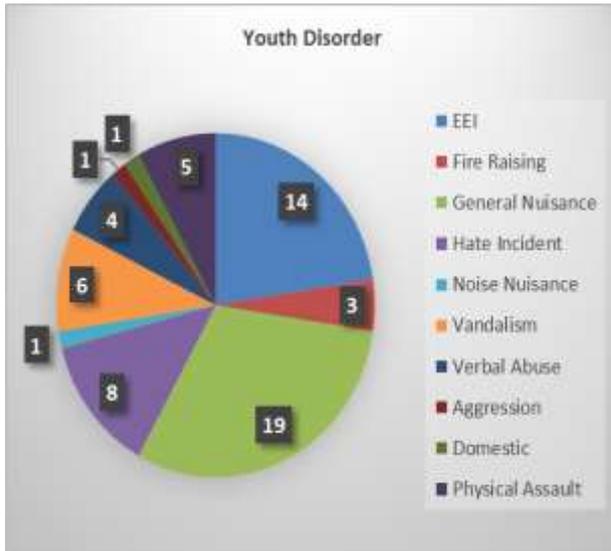
This is a reduction on last quarter of 18 cases.

As with previous reporting periods most complaints relate to lower-level noise issues such as excessive household noise and loud television or music (70.8%).



Drugs cases have continued to rise this period with 67 reported complaints. The follows a pattern of increased complaints (33 and 65 the previous two quarters).

This is also higher than the same period last year (46).



62 reports relating to youth disorder were received this period. This is an increase of 8 on last quarter, however, this reflects an increase in youth cases being referred to the Antisocial Behaviour Team from the Youth Justice Assessor at Police Scotland via the Early and Effective Intervention process.

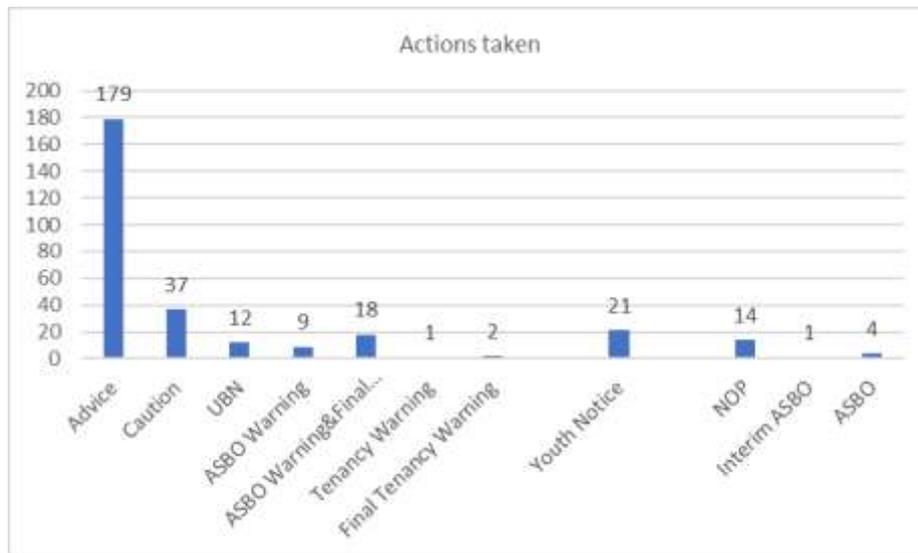
The team continue to engage with young people wherever possible to prevent involvement with antisocial behaviour and divert those who have been engaging in this behaviour.

4.8 Actions taken:

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

Following a query at last Committee, further analysis of advice cases was conducted on a sample of 20 cases opened during the previous reporting period, April to June. Of the 20 cases reviewed, 2 cases were re-opened to the team, however, there was no evidence gathered which led to no further action being taken.

There have been no evictions for antisocial behaviour carried out this period.



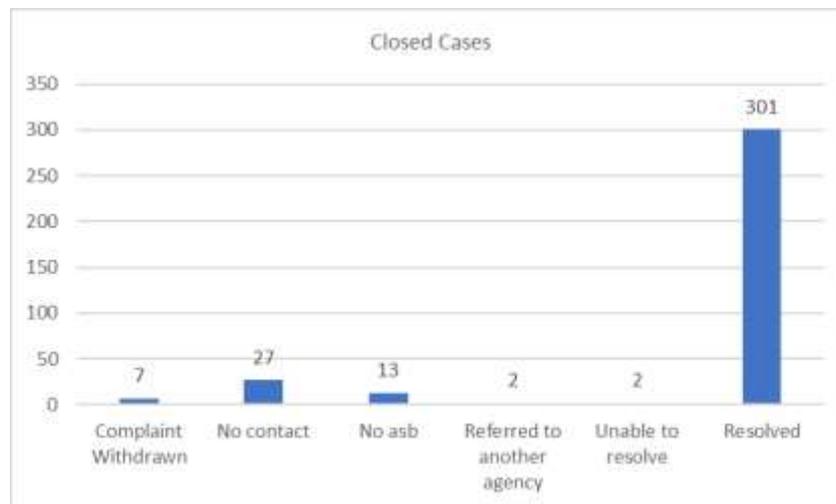
4.9. Surveillance:

To assist with investigating complaints of antisocial behaviour, the team has access to various surveillance options.

In this period only 6 cases have required the use of surveillance to gather further evidence. In all 6 cases the noise app was used. 4 were found to have no evidence of antisocial behaviour, 1 case produced evidence and 1 case is still pending.

This is a relatively low number compared to the level of complaints received, however, surveillance can be intrusive and therefore the team will continue to use all other methods of gathering evidence in the first instance.

4.10 352 cases have been closed within the reporting period. The graph below shows the case closure reasons, the majority of these being closed off as resolved.



Of the two cases which were unable to be resolved, one related to a neighbour dispute where conflict resolution was refused and the other case which was again a neighbour dispute, involved an individual whose health condition prevented the option of conflict resolution being considered.

5. TEAM QUARTERLY UPDATE

5.1 Over this period the Antisocial Behaviour Team received complaints of youths causing annoyance at the new development on Derby Street/Hill Street in the Coldside Ward.

Community Safety Wardens have been patrolling the area and engaging with youths and the Antisocial Behaviour Team has carried out joint visits with Police and Hillcrest Housing Association to households involved and affected.

A multiagency meeting was held in August to discuss additional diversionary activities for young people in the area. Partner's from ASBT, Police Scotland, Communities, Leisure and Culture, Dundee United Community Trust, Maxwell Centre, and St Martin's Church discussed the issues with lack of youth provision in the newly developed area, resulting in several young people gaining access to holiday diversion.

To further prevent any continued antisocial behaviour, St Martin Church and St Peter and Pauls grounds have been identified as available spaces to provide youth provision pending funding being secured.

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7. CONSULTATIONS

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

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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