



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>OPERATION NIGHT SAFE</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged communities
Outcome	Reduction in antisocial behaviour
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of an initiative aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour associated with student accommodation in the borough.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Council's Environmental Health Officers annually work in partnership with Ulster University and PSNI in 'Operation Nightsafe' initiative to proactively deal with anti-social behaviour around the student residential areas of the borough. With the additional challenges associated with Covid 19 the partnership recently distributed a joint letter to all students living off campus.
- 2.2 The letter highlighted new sanctions introduced by the University for students reported for breaching COVID regulations which includes an immediate precautionary suspension, participation in '*COVID and Good Citizenship Awareness Training*' delivered by the University with the support of PHA and submission of a compulsory reflective submission before suspension is lifted. The letter also highlighted the importance of being a good neighbour by not causing noise disturbance to the local community, encouraged students to download the Stop COVID NI app, highlighted sources of wellbeing support and provided information on waste collections.
- 2.3 The letter was delivered to 200 student households reaching more than 700 students living off campus in residential areas of Portstewart.
- 2.4 The Environmental Health Department will continue to work with partner agencies to help minimise the impact of students living in local communities.