

	<p>The Sub-Committee was also advised that a small music band was present when the new sound system was tested and that a larger grouping should have been present, and bands should be contracted not to plug-in their amplifiers. Mr Walsh advised that the noise limiters were not affected by the number of musicians.</p>
	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>The prime objective of the review was to ensure that the complaints about the noise escaping from the premises and disturbing residents were permanently resolved once and for all. Having heard and considered representations from all the parties and Acoustic Consultants, the Sub-Committee decided that the most sensible course of action to take in the circumstances was to adjourn the Hearing to a later date. The Sub-Committee was of the view that the proposals put forward and actions undertaken by the Premise Licence Holder to address the concerns of the residents needed to be embedded and tested. These included the new PA system and noise limiter system. The Sub-Committee noted that there were technical issues with the previous noise limitation system which had been installed by the Premises Holder and many of these appeared to have been resolved.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee acknowledged the harmful effects of noise nuisance on residents and their families. The Sub-Committee noted that residents had not advocated for the Premises Licence to be revoked or suspended but primarily wished for the noise levels to subside and had suggested reducing the hours permitted for regulated entertainment. The Sub-Committee also noted that there had been a recurrent pattern over a prolonged period in which complaints about noise nuisance lodged by residents were addressed by the Premises Licence Holder and then noise leakage into residents' flats would resume again at a later date.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee noted the amount of resources which had been inputted by Council Officers in relation to addressing complaints and visiting the Premises. The Sub-Committee were pleased that the Premise Licence Holder had agreed to work with Environmental Health, the Licensing Authority, the Council and the residents. The Sub-Committee agreed that all residents' flats should be tested to ensure that noise was inaudible, and that access should be given to Officers and the Premise Licence Holder. The Sub-Committee noted that it was proposed that testing be undertaken in the immediate future.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee welcomed that the Hearing had been attended by Senior Directors and that there was a commitment by them to amicably resolve issues and ensure that a permanent solution was found for all residents. The intention was to resolve matters without the need to reduce the hours for licensable activities, but the Sub-Committee wanted to make it clear that those sanctions might follow if the problems relating to the escape of noise from the premises weren't adequately addressed. The Sub-Committee agreed that they should reconvene in September 2019 and during the interim requested that the Environmental Health Service continue to monitor and note any complaints received about the premises.</p>