10. RUAPUNA PARK NOISE SURVEY



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with results of the sound level monitoring survey carried out at Ruapuna Park. The monitoring report, entitled "Ruapuna Park Noise Survey, November 2005 – March 2006", is **attached**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. This report is for information only..
- 3. The "Ruapuna Park Noise Survey, November 2005 March 2006" report resulted from a decision in August/September 2005, by the Environmental Services Unit's Environmental Effects Team, to carry out an extensive sound level monitoring programme at Ruapuna Park during the forthcoming summer racing calendar season, commencing November 2005.
- 4. The purpose of the monitoring was to establish whether compliance was being achieved within the provisions of the Christchurch City Plan rules for Ruapuna Park.
- 5. The results of the sound level monitoring carried out indicate that the Ruapuna Park motorsport activities comply with the Christchurch City Plan Noise Rules.
- 6. The Board has discussed the matter of noise emanating from Ruapuna Park activities on two previous occasions; at its meetings on 13 December 2005 and 14 February 2006. At its meeting of 13 December 2005, in response to a deputation on behalf of some residents expressing their concern about the noise the Board decided to seek further information on several matters (background to the 1999 City Plan changes; whether mufflers were being used; other sound proofing opportunities; merit of tree protection to the south; steps involved in a variation to the City Plan). The Board also decided to "co-ordinate a meeting with Ruapuna management, residents and appropriate Council staff to discuss the issues raised by the deputation".
- 7. At its meeting of 14 February 2006 the Board considered the staff response to the earlier requested information. At this meeting the Board also resolved "to facilitate a public meeting, by 31 March 2006, with local residents, Ruapuna management, and Council staff to discuss the residents' issues, with the expectation that staff will have reported to the Board on the noise monitoring programme by that date."

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive the report.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.