

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

UNDER PARAGRAPH 11.1 OF THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The following Motion to be submitted to Full Council on the date indicated below:-

This Council notes that:

Throughout the year fireworks are widely and responsibly enjoyed to mark public and private celebrations, as well as traditional events.

However, this Council notes a recent and worrying rise in the misuse of fireworks – this includes impact of the of newer larger multiple firework launchers, the increased availability of fireworks through online sales and the illegal use of fireworks during anti-social hours.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) argues the law is failing. It does not prevent or sufficiently reduce the risk of fireworks causing distress, injury or anxiety to people, as well as death, injury or distress to animals.

We note that further research is needed to properly understand the impact of noise on animals and people.

In the meantime, several things can be done to improve the situation for wildlife and people at risk of being affected by firework explosions.

This Council resolves to:

Write to government and recommend that:

Government work with local authorities, police and fire services to review the systems in place for people to report concerns about misuse of fireworks, including breaches of the night-time curfew, use of fireworks in inappropriately small domestic gardens and other antisocial behaviour, with a view to establishing a consistent approach to data collection and publication.

Government increase resources available to police, fire services and local authorities to tackle the misuse of fireworks.

Government conduct a review of online sales of fireworks.

Government take steps to ensure that these age restricted products are not packaged in a way which is designed to appeal to children.

We recommend the government lead a review, working with animal welfare experts and the fireworks industry, of the effects of fireworks noise on animal welfare, with a view to setting a workable reduced maximum decibel limit which would diminish the risks to animal health.

Date of Council Meeting:-

9th December 2020

Notice submitted from	
Councillor Marriott	Date: 26 th November 2020
Councillor Ashworth	Date: 26 th November 2020
Notice received and validated by S151 Officer: Karen Spencer	
Comments: There are no financial implications for the Council arising from this Notice of Motion.	Date: 26 th November 2020
Notice received and validated by the Monitoring Officer: Clare Birtwistle	
Comments: No additional comments.	Date: 26 th November 2020
Notice received on behalf of the Head of the Paid Service and entered in the book open to Public Inspection	
Received by: Neil Shaw	Date: 26 th November 2020