

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor R Hunter.

Encouraging responsible use of fireworks

Council notes that fireworks are an important part of many traditional celebrations including Bonfire Night, Diwali and New Years Eve. Council has for many years run a very successful Bonfire Night celebration which attracts a substantial number of visitors, positively promotes Bromsgrove and its community and raises considerable sums for charity.

Council also notes that leading animal charity the RSPCA has warned of the harm and distress that fireworks can cause to vulnerable members of society, pets and wildlife.

Council resolves to find the right balance between bringing the community together to enjoy traditional celebrations and protecting wildlife and vulnerable people.

Council commits to:

1. Ensure our annual Bonfire Night event and all other public firework displays within the district are advertised well in advance, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people
2. Actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks
3. Encourage local suppliers of fireworks to also stock quieter fireworks