

Overview & Scrutiny Board

26th April 2021

Briefing Note – Motion in respect of Fireworks

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.*

- The Events Team is currently reviewing the option of a pre-ticket sale only event to ensure Health & Safety standards are met in relation to crowd management and understanding numbers attending.
- It is uncertain whether the 2021 event will take place and the Events Team continues to monitor government advice. A decision will be required by mid-summer to programme the event safely.
 - If the Bonfire Night event is to take place – the team will advertise from October via comms using social media/website and posters and the local press.
 - The Events Team will work with the SAG (Safety Advisory Group) which includes the emergency services, to work together on a public awareness campaigns of the event.
 - If the event is postponed until 2022 due to Coronavirus this will be communicated in September 2021 and the Events Team will continue to work with SAG to raise public awareness
 - It should be noted that in terms of “all other public firework displays”, that the Council has no control over the level of advertising used.

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.*

- Events team will work with Safety Advisory Group for advice on the content of Bromsgrove District Council event, however if event does not take place in 2021, Officers will continue to work with SAG with campaigning to mitigate risks. This will include comms and fire service to promote animal welfare.

3. *Encourage local suppliers of fireworks to also stock quieter fireworks.*

- The Event team are scheduled to procure a new framework for fireworks in 2021 for 3 years. A specification could include use of quieter fireworks for BDC Firework event.
- The Event team will work with SAG to promote communications for stock and the use of quieter fireworks locally.