

Report to Cabinet

Tuesday 1 March 2022

Subject:	Notice of Motion - Response
Director:	Director Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer - Surjit Tour
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 Council receive the response to the motion in relation to Fireworks.


2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 Council at its meeting on 7 December 2021 agreed the following motion:-

“This Council resolves to require all public firework displays within the local authority’s boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people; to 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; and requests that the Leader of the Council writes to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays; to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display; and that this Council resolves to explore tighter controls of Sandwell businesses selling fireworks and undertakes to work with West Midlands Fire Services to help advise the control and sale of fireworks for private use”.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>Councillors submitting motions are demonstrating their local leadership role, acting as a voice for their local community and expressing local concerns.</p>
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4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Council regularly considers notices of motion submitted by members under Standing Order No 7.
- 4.2 In December 2021, the Council supported a motion calling upon the Leader of the Council to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.
- 4.3 A response has been received in respect of the motion and is appended to this report.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 There are no alternative options.



6 Implications

Resources:	There are no strategic resources arising from this report.
Legal and Governance:	Standing Order No 7 provides that any member of the Council may give notice of not more than one motion for consideration at any ordinary meeting of the Council and sets out the process for dealing with the motion. The motion can only be accepted if it relates to matters for which the Council has powers, duties and responsibility, or which affect the Borough or a part of it, or some or all of its citizens.
Risk:	There are no risk implications arising from this report.
Equality:	There are no implications for equality arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing:	There are no implications of the proposals on health and wellbeing of our communities arising from this report.
Social Value	There are no implications for social value arising from this report.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Response received from Paul Scully MP

8. Background Papers

None

