

# **Bath and North East Somerset Council**

## **Full Council meeting – Thursday 18 November 2021**

### **Conservative Group Motion on the impact of fireworks**

**To be proposed by Cllr Alan Hale**

Council recognises:

1. The unpredictable, loud and high intensity noises that many fireworks make can cause fear and distress to animals.
2. That debris produced by fireworks, if found on the ground, can pose a hazard to animals such as horses and farm livestock.
3. That noise from fireworks can make it difficult for the police or local authority officers to pinpoint locations and take actions.
4. That the RSPCA believes there is a real need to raise awareness among owners of animals about phobia of fireworks.

Council therefore resolves:

5. To recommend that all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
6. Actively to promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people in the lead up to relevant celebrations and cultural events through existing council communication channels.
7. To write to the Local Government Association to lobby for a limit to the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.
8. To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock quieter fireworks for public display.

- *Unless where specifically set out in the statute, motions approved at Council do not bind the Executive (Cabinet) but may influence their future decisions.*
- *Councillors are reminded of their public sector equality duty which requires the Council to consider or think about how their policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.*