

## Notice of Motion

### Motion to be moved by Councillor Hatcher:

This Council notes:

- Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals.
- They can be a source of fear and distress for some people who have lived through war and other events as well as many animals (including pet animals, farm livestock and wildlife).
- Those affected not only suffer psychological distress, but loud fireworks can also lead to physical injury.

This Council therefore resolves to:

Request the Overview Scrutiny Management Committee to work with other relevant Overview and Scrutiny Commissions to make recommendations to the Executive on how the Council can:

- Develop a way to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public consumption and for all council and partner events to only use 'quieter' fireworks.
- Review a requirement for all public firework displays within the local authority boundary to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take necessary actions.
- Develop a public awareness campaign about the impact of loud fireworks—including all precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
- Engage with all other relevant authorities and partners to ensure existing legislation regarding purchase of and setting off fireworks is enforced across the City.

Request that the Leader:

to write to the UK Government and Hull's three local Members of Parliament urging the introduction of legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB.

#### Sources:

[https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/27855/Quiet-Fireworks-Policy/pdf/oce22684 Quiet Fireworks Policy A4 NEW.pdf?ccp=true](https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/27855/Quiet-Fireworks-Policy/pdf/oce22684%20Quiet%20Fireworks%20Policy%20A4%20NEW.pdf?ccp=true)

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/getinvolved/campaign/fireworks/friendly>

<https://www.ukfr.com/quiet-low-noise-firework-displays>