

Referring Committee/ Commission	Report/Agenda Item	Minute Number	Referral	Date of referral	Background/ Issues for Consideration	Officer assigned	Options
Full Council	Council Motion	47	Council also resolves to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to investigate the matter, seeking clarification on the legal status of these service charges, the use of them across the City and by whom, and to develop advice and guidance which can be published to relevant residents.	17.07.2025	<p>Council notes that some recent “new build” residential developments oblige the freehold owner(s) to pay estate or service charges, such charges are colloquially referred to as “fleecehold”. These charges are often paid to private firms that are responsible for certain communal features on the new build estate. In practice, these charges are often difficult to challenge with little oversight on how the charges are used for the benefit of the community in which they live.</p> <p>Council further notes that these charges come on top of Council Tax and not instead of, and that some homeowners and renters from across the area could end up being forced to pay exorbitant fees to estate management companies for services that other residents receive from the local Council.</p> <p>Council believes that there is a lack of clarity and understanding as to what these charges are for, who operates the system of charges and the legal framework of accepting and challenging the fees.</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships/ Director of Regeneration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That no further action be taken. 2. That an off agenda update be provided on the legalities associated with private estate or service charges and the potential for the Council to develop guidance to aid residents. 3. That an agenda item be added to the work programme detailing the legalities associated with private estate or service charges and the potential for the Council to develop guidance to aid residents. 4. That the item be referred to the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Commission. (This is the recommended option)
Full Council	Council Motion	TBC	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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. 	18.09.2025	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Those affected not only suffer psychological distress, but loud fireworks can also lead to physical injury.</p>	Director of Legal Services and Partnerships/ Councillor Ross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That no further action be taken. 2. That an off agenda update be provided on the potential actions the Council can take to respond to the concerns outlined in the motion. 3. That an agenda item be added to the work programme to discuss the potential actions the Council can take to respond to the concerns outlined in the motion. 4. That the item be referred to the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Commission. (This is the recommended option)