

**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee on 11 October 2022**

**Review of the Council's Policy on Fireworks – Post Scrutiny Monitoring (Interim Report)**

**Report of the Chair of Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
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**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

- To present the Interim Post-Scrutiny Monitoring Report on the Review of Council's Policy on Fireworks to Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 During the 2020-21 municipal year, Members of the Healthy, Safe, Clean & Green Communities Scrutiny Committee were made aware of a number of resident concerns in relation to the impact of firework use, both at specified celebrations such as Bonfire Night and New Year's Eve and inappropriate use throughout the year.
- 1.2 Following referrals from the Customer Standards & Complaints Officer and the Leader of the Council, Members chose to investigate further to establish what the Council could do to mitigate the impacts at a local level.
- 1.3 Members looked at action taken previously following a motion to Council and also compared the approach of Bolsover District Council (BDC) to that of other neighbouring authorities, including North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) who have the joint Environmental Health Service with Bolsover. This is set out in section 5 of the original review report.

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 This review was originally agreed by the previous Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee as part of their 2020-21 work programme. Following the change in scrutiny structure for 2021-22, the Members of the new Committee agreed to carry this work forward with a view to clarifying the Council's stance and addressing residents' concerns previously identified.
- 2.2 The Committee put together four recommendations which will hopefully assist the Council in improving regulation of local firework displays and enforcement against misuse of fireworks.
- 2.3 This report acknowledges progress to date by Officers implementing the recommendations.
- 2.4 To date 3 out of 4 recommendations have been achieved and 1 has been extended but should hopefully complete within the original twelve month monitoring period.

## **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
- 3.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service's response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 6.1 That Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
- 6.2 That Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.
- 6.3 That Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
- 6.4 That Officers continue to implement the recommendations and submit a final report in six months' time highlighting exceptions to delivery.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:** None from this report. Suggested action for the service can be contained within existing budgets.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):**            Yes             No

**Details:**

In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added to/amended these powers e.g. the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing:**            Yes             No

**Details:** None from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

**DECISION INFORMATION**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>Revenue - £75,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital - £150,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	All
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SLT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Members</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Details:</b> Detailed consultation with service area and relevant Portfolio.

<b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</b>
Ambition: Environment

**DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
7.1	PSM Review of Council's Policy on Fireworks – INTERIM Original Recommendations from Review and Executive's Response
7.2	PSM Review of Council's Policy on Fireworks – INTERIM Response to Scrutiny Committee on implementation following scrutiny review
7.3	Bolsover Firework Scheme Comms Summary 2022
7.4	22-630 Firework Bonfire Registration Scheme
7.5	22-630 Firework Bonfire Registration Scheme FORM
7.6	22-630 Firework Bonfire Registration Scheme POST

**Background Papers**

*(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).*

Please contact Scrutiny & Elections Officer where further information is required.