

Bolsover District Council

**Meeting of the Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee on 7th March
2023**

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

Report of the Chair of Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

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

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 not been progressed following extensive officer investigation.

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.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 6.1 That Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
- 6.2 That Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify any 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.

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 Part 1A, s9F(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment:

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details: The Committee considers climate change and carbon reduction as part of its core remit. Core recommendations within this review aimed to target the impact of fireworks in relation to litter, noise nuisance, impact on wildlife and livestock.

Staffing: Yes No

Details: None from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? 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: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No

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

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.

Ambition: Environment

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
7.1	PSM Review of Council's Policy on Fireworks – FINAL Original Recommendations from Review and Executive's Response
7.2	PSM Review of Council's Policy on Fireworks – FINAL Response to Scrutiny Committee on implementation following scrutiny review

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.