

RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOWING SCRUTINY REVIEW						
Title of Review:	Review of Council Policy on Fireworks					
Timescale of Review:	December 2020 – December 2021	Post-Monitoring Period:	12 months commencing April 2022. Interim report due September 2022.			
Date agreed by Scrutiny:	February 2022	Date agreed by Executive:	April 2022			
Total No. of Recommendations and Sub Recommendations	Achieved	2	On track	0	Extended	0
	Achieved (Behind target)	1	Overdue	0	Alert	1
<u>Key Achievements:</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Firework & Bonfire Event Voluntary Registration Scheme has been implemented within the District as planned with appropriate communications and an update to the Council website. (See Appendices 3-6). • As requested by Committee a letter has been sent to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with a copy also sent to Mark Fletcher MP (Bolsover constituency). A response has now been received which acknowledged there are no further planned amendments to the legislation covering England. 						
<u>Reasons for non-implementation of Recommendations:</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiation of additional powers for the Enforcement Team requires a partnership approach and approval of such powers is out of the Council's control. Options to develop this and secure additional powers have been investigated extensively, however this is not something the Council can deliver on at present. 						

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CCCSC20-22 1.1	That BDC adopt a Firework & Bonfire Event Voluntary Registration Scheme, to align our approach with neighbouring areas and provide consistency of approach to Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service.	Assistant Director Environmental Health; Joint Environmental Health Manager (Commercial & Environment)	June 2022	June 2022		Officer time Approval of Executive	<u>INTERIM UPDATE</u> Approved by Portfolio Holder. Publicity began in June 2022 advertising the scheme with staged press releases, social media and Bolsover TV advertising. Communications provided with a diary of dates to hit running up to the deadline for applications.
CCCSC20-22 1.2	That provision of advice and guidance on the BDC website is amended to be more accessible within the existing page.	Assistant Director Environmental Health; Joint Environmental Health Manager (Commercial & Environment);	June 2022	June 2022		Officer time	<u>INTERIM UPDATE</u> Updated by July 2022 with improved information on fireworks and the new registration scheme.

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		Communications, Marketing and Design Manager					Coverage on Bolsover TV (05/08/22 edition)
CCCSC20-22 1.3	That BDC writes a follow-up letter to the Government further lobbying for change to legislation	Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health; Governance Manager	April 2022	August 2022		Officer time	<u>INTERIM UPDATE</u> A letter has been sent as requested by Committee to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with a copy also sent to Mark Fletcher MP (Bolsover constituency). This was sent during the summer as it was felt timely to prompt a response from the government closer to the usual period of

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							<p>firework usage/displays.</p> <p><u>FINAL UPDATE</u> The response received acknowledged that there was already a range of legislation in place and guidance on the considerate use of fireworks.</p> <p>The Government is currently monitoring the impact of additional legislative changes introduced by the Scottish Government pending any further review for England.</p>

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							There are currently no plans to change the law and the Government continues to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, including animal welfare organisations such as the RSPCA, to listen to and understand their views.
CCCSC20-22 1.4	That the Enforcement Team investigates the possibility of operating under a Community Safety Accreditation Scheme in relation to firework misuse, enabling enforcement powers similar to the Police.	Assistant Director Housing Management & Enforcement	September 2022	Recommendation not implemented.		Officer time	<u>INTERIM UPDATE</u> Initial exploratory meeting held with the Police. Positive response, in principle. Executive Director of Resources reflecting on

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							<p>range of powers that could be included.</p> <p><u>FINAL UPDATE</u> We have had discussions with Derbyshire Police about the possibility of the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, and have also consulted with the Council's legal team. The conclusion being that the benefits are minimal and would not assist the Council greatly at this time. There would be additional expense in the form of training, accreditation as</p>

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							<p>well as a possible regrade of posts and the feedback is that in reality there very few powers that we could potential use and it was felt there was very little justification for the need for the extra powers. This is something we may consider again in the future but not at this time.</p>