

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR GROUP****ACTION TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF FIREWORKS**

The Council notes and welcomes the RSPCA campaign which calls for action to reduce the impact of fireworks on animals and vulnerable people, and;

The Council calls for;

- 1) organisers of all public firework displays within Brighton & Hove advertise them in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people;
- 2) officers to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks; and
- 3) to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display;

The Council further asks the Chief Executive to write to the Government urging;

- 1) the introduction of legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90 decibels for those sold to the public for private displays; and
- 2) The Council also asks that any Government response is shared at a future Council meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr Fowler

Seconded by: Cllr Platts

Supporting Information:

Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events.

Whilst they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals.

Vulnerable people can become confused and disorientated by the noise.

They can be a source of fear and distress for many animals (including pets, farm livestock and wildlife).

Animals affected not only suffer psychological distress but can also cause themselves injuries, sometimes very serious ones, as they attempt to run away or hide from the noise.

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