

Report of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee to the meeting of to be held on Thursday 14 October 2021.

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Subject:

Fireworks Scrutiny Review.

Summary statement:

The attached draft report contains the findings from the Fireworks Scrutiny Review.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

Community Cohesion and Equalities related issues are part of the work remit for this Committee. There were no such specific equality and diversity issues arising from this scrutiny review.

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Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The attached draft report contains the findings from the Fireworks Scrutiny Review.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following on from the Council resolution, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake an in-depth Scrutiny Review, into the use of fireworks in the District's neighbourhoods.
- 2.3 As part of its deliberations, Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee members engaged with officers from West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire Service, West Yorkshire Trading Standards, the RSPCA and officers from Bradford Council, including Licensing. Moreover, 92 residents in the District responded as part of the public consultation exercise, in relation to this scrutiny review.
- 2.4 The DRAFT Scrutiny Review report is attached as Appendix 1.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 During the information gathering process and number of key and recurring themes were identified. Such key and recurring themes included:
- Lobbying the District's MPs on noise reduction and stopping the sale of the most powerful fireworks;
 - The risk of the use of fireworks to animals;
 - Tackling the inappropriate use of fireworks across the District;
 - More enforcement around pop-up shops selling fireworks;
 - Education and prevention work with communities across the District.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

The legislation position in relation to fireworks, along with licensing and planning arrangement were also considered as part of this scrutiny review.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

During the information gathering sessions, it was highlighted that the inappropriate use of fireworks, posed safety risks to individuals, animals and pets.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.5 TRADE UNION

Trade Unions were engaged with as part of this Scrutiny Review.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review, however the use of Fireworks did take place across wards in the District.

7.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

7.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

There were none arising from this Scrutiny Review.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

In considering how to progress this issue the Committee may wish to:

- adopt or amend the findings contained within the draft report;
- forward their recommendations to the Executive, Council and / or other appropriate bodies.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee adopts the findings contained within the Draft Fireworks Scrutiny Review Report.

11. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1: Draft Fireworks Scrutiny Review Report.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.