

Extraordinary Council

7 December 2020

Motions (1 total)

Motion A	Proposed by: Councillor Horwood	Seconded by: Councillor Harvey
	<p>This Council:</p> <p>Welcomes the celebration of Bonfire Night, New Year's Eve, Diwali, Eid, Chinese New Year and other festivals and celebrations at which fireworks are traditional.</p> <p>Nevertheless notes that the noise from modern consumer fireworks can legally reach 120 decibels and that professional displays can exceed 150 decibels, both far above the threshold for possible permanent human hearing loss of 85db, causing distress to household pets, horses, birds and other animals and potentially discomforting and distressing people with PTSD, auditory and other conditions</p> <p>Further notes the RSPCA campaign 'Bang Out Of Order' and the concerns regularly expressed by the RSPCA, British Horse Society, RNID and many local residents, as well as hundreds of thousands of signatories to parliamentary petitions</p> <p>Further notes the potential negative impact of plastic and other non-biodegradable firework debris on wildlife and the environment</p> <p>Notes the current law which forbids the setting off of fireworks between 11pm and 7am on most nights of the year and forbids the sale of any fireworks to under 18s but otherwise offers few powers to the Police or local councils to mitigate the impact of the noisiest and most environmentally harmful fireworks</p> <p>Is disappointed in the government response to fireworks petitions and campaigns to date have focussed on little more than raising public awareness</p> <p>Therefore asks Cabinet to urge government to again review the current law with a view to banning or more seriously restricting fireworks causing noise in excess of 90db, and imposing a ban on non-biodegradable components, and to report back to Council on the government's response</p> <p>Further asks Cabinet to explore with local partners such as the BID and Chamber of Commerce the feasibility of a scheme to encourage the sale and purchase of quieter and more environmentally friendly fireworks for private use in Cheltenham, and the advance</p>	

	advertisement of public displays and to report back to Council.
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