

**Amendment to Motion by Councillor Michelle Weeks -  
RSPCA National Campaign on Fireworks -**

**Agenda No: 7**

**Motion presented by:** Councillor Miss Michelle Weeks  
**Motion Seconded by:** Councillor James Abbott  
**Motion support by:** Councillor Mrs Joanne Beavis  
Councillor Stevie Hicks  
Councillor Mrs Jenny Sandum  
Councillor Paul Thorogood  
Councillor Nick Unsworth  
Councillor Tom Walsh  
Councillor Bob Wright

An Amendment was submitted by Councillor Ian Pritchard and Councillor Kevin Bowers in accordance with Council Procedural Rule 23 of Chapter two of the Constitution to amend the Motion as published on the Council Agenda.

In accordance with Council Procedural Rule 23, Councillor Miss Weeks and Councillor Abbott as the Proposer and Seconder of the original motion have consented to the adoption of the Amendment. The Amended Motion, as set out below, is the substantive Motion to be considered by Full Council.

For ease of reference the text of the Amendment as adopted by Councillor Miss Weeks and Councillor Abbott is in red.

Motion:

Council notes the RSPCA national campaign on fireworks in which it is encouraging local authorities to support a range of measures designed to reduce the impacts of fireworks on people and animals.

Council further notes that:-

“The RSPCA believes the law is failing as it does not prevent or sufficiently reduce the risk of fireworks causing distress, injury or anxiety to people, as well as death, injury or distress to animals.”

Whilst the regulatory role of District Councils with respect to fireworks is somewhat limited, this Council nevertheless agrees that new measures are needed and therefore resolves to:

1. Actively promote a public awareness campaign each year in the autumn about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
2. Write to the UK Government urging them to *ensure enforcement of the existing legislation that limits the time fireworks can be set off, the periods they are*

*available for sale and the age at which they can be purchased, in conjunction with the existing firework categorisations.*

End of Amended Motion