

## Notice of Motion-Fireworks

Within the Burnley borough, in the days leading up to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021, there were a number of disturbing anti- social and criminal activities, which involved the misuse of fireworks, mainly by youths making mayhem.

Incidents included;

A firework being tied to the leg of a kitten causing significant injury

Dog bins being destroyed by fireworks

Lit fireworks being thrown at members of the public, including senior citizens

On Bonfire night, 5th November 2021 lit fireworks were also thrown at members of the Police and the Fire and Rescue Service.

This Council resolves that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy asking him to consider what measures he can take to reduce or eradicate such behaviour, including, but not limited to;

(i) Imposing further restrictions on the sale of fireworks, for example, by only allowing sales to organisers of licensed public fireworks displays and banning sales to others.

(ii) Banning the use of fireworks on any dates other than dates traditionally connected with the use of fireworks.

This Council believes that legislation is needed which balances people's desire for firework displays and protects people's rights not to be distressed by fireworks throughout the year.

Proposed by Councillor Alan Hosker

Seconded by