

## **Notice of Motion – Action to Reduce the Impact of Fireworks**

**Cabinet 12 November 2019**

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.

### **Cabinet resolves:**

- (i) to request that organisers of all public firework displays within Torbay advertise them in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people;
- (ii) to support public awareness about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks;
- (iii) to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays; and
- (iv) to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.

Proposed by Councillor Cowell

Seconded by Councillor Long