



C O U N C I L S U M M O N S

To all Members of Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

to be held at 2.00 pm on

WEDNESDAY 27 November 2019

in the

COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain prior to the commencement of the meeting.

--- A G E N D A ---

PART A

1. Mayor's Announcements
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Presentation by the Chief Fire Officer
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Council (Civic Year 2019/20)
(Pages 5 - 6)
9 October 2019

PART B

5. Presentation by the WAO on the Draft Annual Improvement Report (Pages 7 - 58)
6. Director of Social Services Annual Report (Pages 59 - 106)
7. Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice and Early Intervention Annual Plan 2019-20 (Pages 107 - 176)
This report was commended to Council by the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Board on 17 October 2019.
8. Contract Procedure Rules (Pages 177 - 232)
9. Changes to Memberships in Committees and Outside Bodies (Pages 233 - 236)
10. Statement by the Leader of Council on the Swansea Bay City Deal

PART C

11. Minutes of the Previous Meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Boards (Pages 237 - 272)

PART D

12. Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) the Council's Constitution Proposed by Councillor Paddison and seconded by Councillor Llewelyn

Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals. They can be a source of fear and distress for many animals (including pet animals, 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.

The following are significant concerns:

- The unpredictable, loud and high intensity noises that many fireworks make can cause fear;
- Debris produced by fireworks if found on the ground, can also pose a hazard to animals, such as horses and farm livestock

- The short lived nature of firework noise can make it difficult for the police or local authority officers to pinpoint locations and take action
- There is a need to raise awareness amongst owners of animals about fireworks phobias.

Further research is needed to properly understand the impact of noise on animals and a number of things can be done to improve the situation for animals and people by:

- Introducing a limit on the public use of fireworks on or close to specific dates and times;
- Tightening restrictions on the sale of fireworks in the run up to Bonfire night ;
- Reducing the maximum noise level of fireworks sold to the public, ensuring they are labelled accurately;
- Licensing all public firework displays – and ensuring displays are better advertised to the public.

This Council resolves:

- to require all public firework displays held on local authority land and/or which are subject to the consent of the Local Authority to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people
- to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks
- to write to the Welsh Government urging them to utilise any levers at their disposal to mitigate any negative impacts on animals and vulnerable people of the hosting of fireworks displays.
- 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
- to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display.”

13. Questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules
14. Urgent Items
Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Mayor pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Chief Executive

**Civic Centre
Port Talbot**

Thursday, 21 November 2019