

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF BONFIRES ON PUBLIC LAND

Summary

The first evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Bonfires on Public Land will have a Local Authority focus, with contributions from representatives of SBC Community Services and Transport, Environmental Health, and Children's Services.

Detail

1. In advance of this session, Members are reminded of some of the background information links that were included in the agreed scope and plan for this review:
 - South Tyneside Council: Partnership Approach to Tackle Darker Nights Disorder
<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/64402/Partnership-Approach-to-Tackle-DarkerNights-Disorder>)
 - Ealing Council: Bonfires – guidance
https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201199/air_quality/2056/bonfires_-_guidelines/1
 - Newcastle City Council: Bonfires and smoke
<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/environment-and-waste/environmental-health-and-pollution/air-pollution/bonfires-and-smoke#The%20law%20and%20bonfires>
2. Relevant Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) representatives have been asked to respond to the following:
 - Data on locations / prevalence of cases
 - Resources used to identify / manage cases and available powers (inc. assessment of effectiveness)
 - Impact of incidents (damage / costs)
 - Advice / guidance published re. bonfires
 - Examples of different types of management of bonfires by other Local Authorities

A joint Local Authority report, incorporating input from SBC Community Services and Transport, Environmental Health, and Children's Services, is attached.

3. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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