

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF BONFIRES ON PUBLIC LAND

Summary

The second evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Bonfires on Public Land will involve contributions from key partners, Cleveland Fire Brigade and Cleveland Police.

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>)
 - Police Scotland: Launch of Operation Moonbeam 2020
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2020/october/launch-of-operation-moonbeam-2020/>
2. As identified within the scope for this review, Cleveland Fire Brigade has been asked to respond to the following:
 - Data on locations / prevalence of cases
 - Resources used to identify / manage cases
 - Issues / risks around intervention
 - Advice / guidance published re. bonfires
3. Cleveland Police will be providing views on a number of the review's key lines of enquiry, including:
 - How does the Force engage with the local community around 'bonfire night' season? What messages are circulated around the lighting of bonfires?
 - How does the Force identify and manage bonfire-related activity? What powers are available to deal with bonfires / what interventions are used – how effective have these been?
 - What is the impact of bonfires (e.g. resources to manage incidents, environmental and wildlife damage / costs, fly-tipping, related disorder)?
4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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