

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF BONFIRES ON PUBLIC LAND

Summary

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

Detail

1. 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

A presentation addressing the above will be given and is included within these meeting papers.

2. Thirteen Housing Group representatives have been asked to provide input regarding their involvement in addressing this issue, including collaboration with tenants / partners.
3. For information, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) was approached to provide a contribution around the impact of bonfires on animals / wildlife. No response has been received, though the following link from the RSPCA website demonstrates a previous appeal:

- <https://news.rspca.org.uk/2018/11/02/remember-remember-to-check-no-wildlife-is-hiding-in-your-bonfire-rspca-plea/>

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

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