

**APPENDIX 1**  
**ACTION PLAN: Review of Bonfires on Public Land**

No.	Recommendation	Proposed Actions / Progress	Success Measures	Responsibility	Date
1	To supplement Cleveland Fire Brigade's (CFB) annual promotion of fire safety ahead of the bonfire season, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) reviews its own public engagement approach to reinforce this messaging across all available communication mechanisms, emphasising dangers of bonfires and impact on local residents.	Stockton on Tees Borough Council will review its own public engagement program to ensure it supports that of Cleveland Fire Brigade around key safety messaging over the bonfire period.	Clear evidence that the SBC and CFB have a shared approach to community engagement on key safety messages during the bonfire period.  Examples of shared messaging and engagement a range of platforms are evident.	Head of Community Safety	November 2022
2	In terms of communicating to the wider public, SBC considers adopting the Shrewsbury Town Council approach in emphasising a zero tolerance towards unauthorised bonfires (including contact routes for permission to light a bonfire on public land and the potential consequences for failing to seek permission).	Stockton Borough Council will undertake further research into this approach, identifying and applying where reasonable best practice.  Consideration given to the legal viability of allowing approved bonfires to take place on public land.	Assurance made to the committee that SBC has contacted other areas including Shrewsbury Town Council to learn more about their approach.  Evidence that processes have been put in place (or considered) for legitimate bonfire to take place.	Head of Community Safety	February 2023
3	SBC reinforces existing communication arrangements with both CFB and Cleveland Police for them to report details of dispensed combustible materials for collection (both during and outside the bonfire season).	SBC provide a clear and simple method for CFB and Cleveland Police to report combustible materials for timely collection at all times of the year.	Clear evidence of a simple and defined process that is in place to allow partners to report combustible items for removal.  Supporting evidence of this process being used is captured and reported back to committee.	Head of Community Safety	November 2022

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4	SBC continues to support CFB and Thirteen Housing Group in undertaking leaflet-drops to identified bonfire hotspot neighbourhoods within the Borough regarding fire safety and reporting routes for anti-social behaviour / associated disorder.	SBC to continue and where reasonable increase its support of CFB and Thirteen Housing Group in bonfire hotspots within Stockton on Tees.  SBC continues to deal robustly with instances of ASB and disorder during this period.	Clear evidence of partnership working taking place to reduce the levels of deliberate fire setting and improve safety.  Clear evidence of a strategy to tackle seasonal ASB and disorder is in place.	Head of Community Safety	November 2022
5	To further deter the construction and lighting of unauthorised bonfires, SBC identifies any alternative sites within the Borough where official bonfires may be able to be facilitated in the future.	SBC will monitor and where reasonable advertise diversionary events including official bonfires to deter the practice on public land.	Evidence of a communication / engagement strategy which accounts for advertisement of diversionary activity during this period.	Head of Community Safety	November 2022