



## COUNCIL MEETING – 15 December 2016

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MOTION 5

#### Motion 5 : Firework Safety in Islington

##### Proposed amendment to be moved by Councillor Hull

This Council Meeting notes that every year incidents involving fireworks occur across London. ~~there have been a number of high profile incidents regarding fireworks this year. Hackney, Enfield and Haringey have all seen particularly nasty incidents of local residents and police being attacked with barrages of fireworks. Islington too has seen smaller scale incidents.~~

~~The Council notes that Islington is also one of the few boroughs that does not have an official fireworks event. For residents wanting to see fireworks in November there is no free public safe event in our borough.~~

This Council Meeting also notes: –

- that Islington already has a local plan around for dealing with firework nuisance, drawn up by the Metropolitan ~~p~~Police Service;
- that Islington Council already maintains a public-facing webpage around about dealing with firework safety, ~~that including~~ es resources for teachers;
- that the Council's Trading Standards team regulates sales of fireworks and monitors the licenced storage of fireworks, as well as carrying out inspections of premises to ensure that the fireworks are stored safely.
- that the Council enforces the 18-year-old- age restriction on the sale of fireworks through test purchases, as well as promoting the adoption of 'Challenge 25' as a sales policy for fireworks.
- that this autumn the council carried out eleven~~14~~ 'Challenge 25' test purchases for fireworks.
- ~~that residents at the Highbury East ward partnership meeting called for the restoration of Islington's local Firework event on Highbury Fields.~~

This Council Meeting believes:—

- ~~that Appropriate and accessible information about firework safety is a Proper education of young people is a vital part of preventing fireworks misuse;~~
- ~~that The police have a vital role to play in around dealing with fireworks misuse;~~
- ~~Providing a free public safe fireworks demonstration is a good way to provide an alternative to private use of fireworks.~~

This Council resolves:—

- ~~To continue to work with the police to keep fireworks out of the hands of under-18s and to ensure that 'Challenge 25' is being used in the case of all firework retailers;~~
- ~~To develop a free public firework demonstration for 2017, exploring opportunities for partnering with local businesses and communities to put on a public event.~~

### **The complete text of the motion as amended would read:**

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This Council Meeting believes:

- that appropriate and accessible information about firework safety is a vital part of preventing fireworks misuse;
- that the police have a vital role to play in dealing with fireworks misuse.

This Council resolves:

- to continue to work with the police to keep fireworks out of the hands of under-18s and to ensure that 'Challenge 25' is being used in the case of all firework retailers.