

**UPDATE ON ACTIONS / RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2020**

FOR FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY MEETING – MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020

Minute 10 The Procurement Service - A Six Monthly Update

- To provide Members with a copy of the full request for waiver document.

Please refer to the three documents that accompany this document provided by D Nichols, Procurement Manager which were emailed to Members by M McCoole on 20 October 2020

Minute 13 Key issues arising from the Performance and Scrutiny Board held on 10 September 2020

- To provide Members with a specific briefing in relation to the Dark Nights initiative.

Please see the response below provided by AM S Dunker which was emailed to Members by M McCoole on 20 October 2020

Given the current pandemic and changes to legislation and usual working practices, we thought it would be worthwhile updating you regarding the current position in relation to fireworks applications. We will continue to monitor the changes and work alongside partners in the run up to dark nights.

Due to current restrictions the government has advised all public fireworks events MUST be banned, this currently includes planned New Year displays. Although this is not a change to the legislation associated with the sale/storage of fireworks we will continue to enforce the storage regulations as normal. In line with NFCC guidance we will not be conducting as many onsite inspections, we will however use a desk top approach for existing/previous applications.

We will complete site visits for new applications, (of which we currently have 7), premises we know had problems last year or those that are brought to our attention this year.

Trading standards enforce sales so they will look at underage and illegal sales assisted by our data from BFS. Whilst we actively support partners it must be remembered we deal with storage not sales or ASB. We will be involved in training the police specials again should they request it and we have already liaised with two police areas supplying data to them for the work they plan to complete.

We also have an active part in “Dark Nights” planning and liaise with Corporate Comms, JCSD and Emergency Response to ensure a collaborative approach.

JCSD staff have been working with Local Authorities and SYP to co-ordinate activities across all four districts to prepare for the Dark Nights period. SYFR and SYP have been delivering a joint message to Primary and Secondary Schools on the dangers and consequences of playing with fireworks, bonfires and anti-social behaviour.

Having predicted that many schools would not want a face to face delivery this year the team produced a digital delivery (video) with links sent to all schools in South Yorkshire. Youth engagement has been also extended to include joint visits of youth clubs and street patrols with dedicated Local Authority youth workers, SYP and Early Help Officers.

There will be an increased presence in the areas where high levels of ASB incidents are expected, based on data from 2018/2019. This will be co-ordinated by SYP but will include SYFR staff and vehicles directing work into the highlighted areas.

On the evenings of 30th, 31st October and 5th November additional teams will be deployed using SYP and SYFR staff, to assist in directing resources to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency on these evenings where demand is historically high.