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Walsall Borough Bonfire Night – Future Proposals

Ward(s): All

Portfolios: Councillor Craddock – Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Perry – Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities

1. Aim

- 1.1 Bonfire night is a centuries old tradition enjoyed by many. However, there are several associated issues, including health and safety, antisocial behaviour and animal welfare. Some of these issues can be mitigated through professionally organised public bonfire night events.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the changes in the arrangements for future bonfire night events, the addition of the event to celebrate Diwali and the proposed review process.

3. Report detail – know

- 3.1 On 16 March 2022 Cabinet considered the Walsall Borough Bonfire Night – Future Proposals report. Cabinet approved the recommendation, which was the provision of traditional bonfire night events on consecutive nights from 4 November 2022 to 6 November 2022 at King George the V Playing Fields, Walsall Arboretum and Willenhall Memorial Park respectively. Additionally, a further fire work event was agreed on Monday 24 October 2022 to celebrate Diwali.

4. Decide

- 4.1 Cabinet considered four options as detailed in the appended Cabinet report. Cabinet approved the recommended option as detailed above.

5. Review

- 5.1 The council will undertake an evaluation of the 2022 bonfire events and this information will support the planning of future events.

Background papers

Cabinet Report 16 March 2022
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