

## Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form

Please ensure that you refer to the Screening Form Guidance while completing this form. If you would like further guidance please contact the Access to Services team (see guidance for details).

### Section 1

Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: Councillors Lesley Walton, Rob Stewart, Andrea Lewis, David Hopkins, Jan Curtice, Mike Lewis, Mark Child, Des Thomas, Sam Pritchard, Wendy Lewis, Lesley Walton, Robert Francis-Davies, June Burtonshaw, Mike White, Terry Hennegan & Cyril Anderson

Directorate: N/A

### Q1(a) WHAT ARE YOU SCREENING FOR RELEVANCE?

Service/ Function	Policy/ Procedure	Project	Strategy	Plan	Proposal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### (b) Please name and describe here: **FIREWORKS MOTION**

This Council notes

- that whilst it supports organised events such as for Diwali, Chinese New Year and 5<sup>th</sup> November, public & private, the public are letting off fireworks indiscriminately at any time during the year
- - that some fireworks sold to private individuals are too loud, with the current legal decibel level at 120
- - that over 750,000 people across the UK over recent years have signed petitions raising concerns over this and the general misuse of fireworks & related antisocial behaviour
- - that this issue has been raised both at the Welsh Senedd and the UK Government

This Council believes

- - that legislation currently in place ie Fireworks Act 2003, is inadequate in stopping inconsiderate individuals being able to let fireworks off at any time, causing distress to both animals & people, and in some cases injury even death
- that the current legal noise limit is set too high

This Council resolves to write to the UK Government urging them to review & update current legislation as necessary such that :

- - fireworks are only available for sale by licensed retailers, by introducing mandatory conditions where they are purchased, and restricting the times of day when they can be sold
- licensed retailers are encouraged to stock fireworks quieter than the current legal decibel limit, evidenced as being safe such as having the CE mark, and individually identified with unique serial number traceable identifiers, such as bar codes, to enable tracking if and when required should regulations be broken
- - fireworks can only be bought by those producing adequate evidence of their identity including age
- - random but organised checks can be carried out by council enforcement officers on shops selling them with significantly increased fines for those selling fireworks without necessary controls or setting off fireworks outside of the permitted timeframes
- - the decibel level of fireworks sold in supermarkets or by private suppliers is reduced to a max of 90dB
- - fireworks sales are restricted to specified times of the year

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- residents are encouraged to attend pre-advertised organised public events namely Chinese New Year, Diwali, Bonfire Night/5th November, and New Year rather than holding their own displays
- private parties on these occasions where fireworks available for purchase adhere to regulations and are only permitted on certain dates
- other pre-advertised one-offs during the year where written permission has been awarded to individuals or groups, based on being held at a venue which is a safe distance from residential properties

### Q2(a) WHAT DOES Q1a RELATE TO?

Direct front line service delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> (H)	Indirect front line service delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> (M)	Indirect back room service delivery  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L)
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### (b) DO YOUR CUSTOMERS/CLIENTS ACCESS THIS...?

Because they need to  <input type="checkbox"/> (H)	Because they want to  <input type="checkbox"/> (M)	Because it is automatically provided to everyone in Swansea  <input type="checkbox"/> (M)	On an internal basis i.e. Staff  <input type="checkbox"/> (L)
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### Q3 WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE FOLLOWING...

	High Impact (H)	Medium Impact (M)	Low Impact (L)	Don't know (H)
Children/young people (0-18) →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Older people (50+) →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other age group →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race (including refugees) →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum seekers →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsies & travellers →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or (non-)belief →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual Orientation →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh Language →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty/social exclusion →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers (inc. young carers) →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community cohesion →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Q4 WHAT ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION / CO-PRODUCTIVE APPROACHES WILL YOU UNDERTAKE?

**Please provide details below – either of your planned activities or your reasons for not undertaking engagement**

Doesn't apply to notice of motions

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## Q5(a) HOW VISIBLE IS THIS INITIATIVE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC?

High visibility <input type="checkbox"/> (H)	Medium visibility <input type="checkbox"/> (M)	Low visibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L)
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## (b) WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL RISK TO THE COUNCIL'S REPUTATION? (Consider the following impacts – legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc...)

High risk <input type="checkbox"/> (H)	Medium risk <input type="checkbox"/> (M)	Low risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L)
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## Q6 Will this initiative have an impact (however minor) on any other Council service?

Yes       No      If yes, please provide details below

## Q7 HOW DID YOU SCORE?

*Please tick the relevant box*

MOSTLY H and/or M → HIGH PRIORITY →  EIA to be completed  
Please go to Section 2

MOSTLY L → LOW PRIORITY / NOT RELEVANT →  Do not complete EIA  
Please go to Q8 followed by Section 2

## Q8 If you determine that this initiative is not relevant for an EIA report, you must provide a full explanation here. Please ensure that you cover all of the relevant protected groups.

There are no equality issues in relation to this notice of motion

### Section 2

NB: Please email this completed form to the Access to Services Team for agreement before obtaining approval from your Head of Service. Head of Service approval is only required via email – no electronic signatures or paper copies are needed.

Screening completed by:
Name: Rhian Millar
Job title: Access to Services Manger
Date: 19/01/2021
Approval by Head of Service:
Name: Tracey Meredith
Position: Chief Legal Officer
Date: 19/01/2021

Please return the completed form to [accesstoservices@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:accesstoservices@swansea.gov.uk)