

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
Motions' Register From 2019

Title	Motion	Date and Time Submitted
Motion Declare a Climate Emergency	<p>Background Text / Context:</p> <p>The urgent threat of climate change to Havant, particularly due to its 56 km coastline, makes many areas vulnerable to rising sea levels and flooding. The risk from extreme weather events, impacting residents, businesses, and the environment is increasing. The scientific consensus attributes climate change to human activities, particularly greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels, deforestation, and unsustainable land use.</p> <p>Despite differing opinions on the cause, no place, including Havant, will be untouched by climate change. Both the UK Government and Hampshire County Council have declared a climate emergency, aiming for net-zero emissions by 2050.</p> <p>Havant Borough Council has a responsibility to demonstrate leadership in the local response to the climate emergency. This can be achieved through the policies, strategies, and action plans supporting a fair and just transition to a green economy, promoting green jobs, sustainable business practices, and workforce training.</p> <p>The Motion:</p> <p>Members are requested to resolve to:</p> <p>a) Declare a climate emergency and acknowledging the need for urgent and transformative action, to tackle the climate crisis. in order to mitigate against and adapt to the effects of the climate crisis.</p> <p>b) To show leadership in this regard within our own estate and in the messaging, we give to our residents, and to work with others where appropriate supporting their efforts.</p> <p>Proposed by: Councillor Grainne Rason Seconded by: Councillor Elizabeth Lloyd</p> <p>Date Submitted: 22 October 2024 Time: 16:53</p>	22 October 2024 4:53pm
Amendment to Notice of Motion Winter Fuel Payments	<p>Recommendation 1 be amended to read:</p> <p>“To support a communications campaign to alert and assist those at risk of hardship and maximise the uptake of Pension Credits and other benefits, by signposting residents to suitable advice and support, including Citizens Advice Havant drop-in sessions to help ensure access to the winter fuel payment.”</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Munday Seconded by Councillor Harris</p>	16 September 2024 15.56

<p>Motion - Winter Fuel Payments</p>	<p>Background Text / Context:</p> <p>The Council will note the Labour government's decision to restrict the winter fuel payments to only pensioners in receipt of means tested benefits such as Pension Credit.</p> <p>The impact of this decision will be far reaching, meaning that many pensioners across Havant Borough, who rely on this payment to stay warm during the winter, will not receive it.</p> <p>The winter fuel payment goes some way to help those vulnerable residents in Havant Borough during the coldest months to prevent the "heat or eat" dilemma going some way to help safeguard their health.</p> <p>The injustice and potential health risks of this sudden policy change to withdraw this lifeline for many older residents across the borough should not be underestimated.</p> <p>This Government's approach fails to consider the barriers and stigma that prevent eligible pensioners from claiming Pension Credits, leaving many without the support they need. It also fails to recognise those pensioners who are "just about managing" (JAMS) but do not qualify for Pension Credits or other hardship funds.</p> <p>The Motion:</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring forward a council led communications campaign to alert and assist those at risk of hardship and maximise the uptake of Pension Credits and other benefits, ensuring access to the winter fuel payment. 2. Request that the Leader of the Council write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Prime Minister urging them to reverse the decision before winter sets in. <p>Proposed by: Councillor Fairhurst Seconded by: Councillor Robinson</p> <p>Date Submitted: 12 September 2024 – 17:26</p>	<p>12 September 2024 5.26pm</p>
<p>Motion - Protecting Public Spaces</p>	<p>Background Text / Context:</p> <p>Unauthorised encampments disrupt the lives of local residents, pose environmental risks, and incur significant costs for the Council. By taking proactive and comprehensive measures, we can better protect our public spaces, ensure the wellbeing of our community, and manage the needs of traveller communities in a fair and lawful manner.</p> <p>Nonetheless, this council would like to congratulate and thank our officers for their swift and effective response in dispersing recent unauthorised encampments. Their efficiency has demonstrated a well-coordinated and effective process that minimizes disruption to our community and is seen as one of the best examples of good practice within the area.</p> <p>This Council notes the growing concern among residents and businesses regarding unauthorised traveller encampments on public spaces within the borough. These encampments often lead to significant disruption, environmental damage, and financial costs for clean-up and legal processes.</p> <p>The Motion:</p>	<p>23 July 2024 – 10.30am</p>

	<p>Members are requested to resolve to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue to work in collaboration with the local police to ensure swift action against unauthorised encampments. b) Identify key locations and measures to prevent vehicular access to public spaces as well as regularly assessing and updating these to adapt to changing circumstances and any potential new threats of incursion. c) Ensure strong communication with residents to keep them informed about the steps being taken to protect public spaces. <p>Proposed by: Councillor Ryan Brent Seconded by: Councillor Neil Bowdell</p> <p>Date Submitted: 23 July 2024 – 10:30</p>	
<p>Amendment to Notice of Motion Debate not Hate</p>	<p>Proposed Amendment to the motion: 'Debate not Hate'.</p> <p>Recommendation (c) of the motion be amended to read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) That we understand some members would wish to avoid publishing their personal addresses and believe that this should be a personal choice of councillors. We ask that the leader writes on our behalf, to the minister of Local Government asking for a change in legislation to allow this option as a personal choice for all councillors. <p>Proposed: Phil Munday Seconded: Philippa Gray</p>	<p>31 July 2024 – 10.52am</p>
<p>Motion - Debate not Hate</p>	<p>Background Text / Context:</p> <p>Robust, lively and respectful political debate is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy. It is never acceptable for debate and disagreement to descend into abuse, threats and violence of any description, whether in person or online.</p> <p>The intimidation, personal attack and harassment of local politicians undermine democracy - preventing elected members from representing the communities they serve, deterring individuals from standing for election, and undermining public trust in democratic processes.</p> <p>Havant Borough Council notes the final report of the Jo Cox Civility Commission and commits to challenge the normalisation of abusive behaviour against councillors, officers and contractors delivering public services for Havant residents.</p> <p>The council takes a zero tolerance approach to any form of language or action that risks compromising the safety and wellbeing of elected members and staff.</p> <p>The Motion:</p> <p>Members are requested to resolve to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) sign up to the LGAs Debate not Hate campaign which aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in local communities, encourage healthy 	<p>27 May 2024 – 5.48pm</p>

	<p>debate, and improve the response and support to those in public life facing abuse and intimidation.</p> <p>b) That all group leaders write to their leaders of national parties to request their support for the LGAs Debate not Hate.</p> <p>c) That the Leader of the Council writes to the minister for Local Government to ask for a change to legislation so that home addresses of councillors are published as a matter of personal choice.</p> <p>d) To work with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure there is a clear and join- up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of councillors and their families.</p> <p>e) That all councillors and officers are reminded of the process of how to report incidents of harassment and abuse.</p> <p>f) That security and wellbeing resources are made available to all councillors through the member portal and indeed as part of the 2024 Member Induction programme.</p> <p>Proposed by: Councillor Gwen Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Phil Munday</p>	
<p>Motion: Increasing our Recycling Offer to Residents</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Andy Briggs Seconded by Councillor Imogen Payter</p> <p>As a Council we want to help support our residents increase the amount they can recycle.</p> <p>Currently there are no realistic ways for residents to recycle pots, tubs and trays, so called “hard recycling”. This is because the facilities provided by Hampshire County Council which handles all of the Borough’s recycling cannot process such polymers. However, we want residents to aspire to recycle more types of plastics.</p> <p>Other Councils have introduced plastic recycling banks, directly for hard plastics that cannot be collected in the kerbside collection.</p> <p>Meanwhile, five million disposable vapes are thrown away each week and research shows that 700 fires in bin lorries and recycling centres nationally were caused by batteries that had been dumped into general waste. The proper recycling of disposable vapes could be used to power batteries and have been proven to be successfully made into power banks in Ukraine.</p> <p>There are currently 14 drop-off points for vapes in the Borough, mostly in Co-Op and Tesco stores.</p> <p>We are asking the Cabinet to investigate ways of improving the recycling offer provided for our residents.</p> <p>Therefore, we are requesting Council asks Cabinet to:</p> <p>1. Consider a policy of installing plastic recycling banks in the Borough.</p>	<p>8 March 2024 – 11.31 am</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Work with Hampshire County Council to deliver a solution for kerbside hard plastics. 3. Investigate the feasibility of setting up collection boxes for used single-use vapes in controlled Council locations and encourage more shops in the Borough to install vape disposal points. 4. Ask Hampshire County Council and the Vape industry to explore innovative recycling methods for single-use and illicit vapes, such as donating to Ukraine. 	
<p>Motion: Southleigh Site Development</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Phil Munday Seconded by Councillor Richard Kennett</p> <p>The area known as Southleigh lies to the west of Emsworth and east of Denvilles, Havant and is bordered to the north by Bartons Road. It appeared in the Local Plan submitted in 2019 as a site suitable for 2,100 houses, which is more than double the next biggest site in the plan. It appears again as one of the sites being considered for the new local plan.</p> <p>The proposal involved shops, a primary school and a link road going south from Bartons Road, through the new estate to take traffic directly onto the A27 at the Warblington Junction. Traffic along Southleigh Road is already excessive with regular long queues at the railway crossing at Warblington, leading to increases in air pollution at Warblington School. The new road would also benefit Emsworth residents, by allowing traffic travelling along the B2149 to avoid Emsworth and access the A27 via a shorter route and would reduce traffic through central Havant by allowing traffic from the New Lane industrial estate, including the new Amazon warehouse to access the A27 more directly.</p> <p>The final transport assessment with the final preferred route was published in 2020. The Government Inspectors indicated it was important to resolve whether the link road was needed to develop the site and if so, then the road should be built at the start of the project. We are therefore presenting this motion to Council:</p> <p>If the new Local Plan includes the Southleigh site for new housing we ask the Council to work with Hampshire Highways to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carry out a detailed traffic survey to ascertain whether the proposed link road from Bartons Road to the A27 Warblington junction is required in order to develop the Southleigh site for housing. b. If the outcome of this survey indicates that the link road is necessary, to make every effort to ensure that the landowner and developer build the link road at the start of the development. <p>5 March 2024</p>	<p>5 March 2024 – 5.16 pm</p>
<p>Motion: Parental Leave for Councillors</p>	<p>Proposed by Cllr Amy Redsull Seconded by Cllr Philippa Gray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently, there is no ratified parental leave for councillors, meaning that any 	<p>26 February 2024 – 12.20 pm</p>

councillor wishing for maternity, paternity or adoption leave needs to apply for special dispensations to allow them to spend much needed time with their child.

- Data released by the Fawcett Society shows that only 34 per cent of councillors elected in the May 2021 local elections are women, meaning that only 35 per cent of councillors overall are women. The data shows that if this continues at a similar rate, we won't reach equality in local government until 2077;
- As of February 2022, 33 councils have passed the LGA Parental Leave policy, and an additional 7 councils have their own parental leave policy in place.
- In 2019, the LGA co-produced the 21st Century Councils Equalities Toolkit with MHCLG (Now DLUHC/Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities). The toolkit recommends that councils adopt a parental leave policy, and they link to the LGA Parental Leave policy as a model to adopt;
- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;
- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.

The Motion:

Members are requested to:

1. Commit to introducing a Parental Leave Policy to give all Councillors an entitlement to parental leave following the birth or adoption of a child.
2. Request that Officers prepare a draft Parental Leave Policy.
3. Request that the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) consider the Parental Leave Policy as part of the Members Allowance Scheme Review (2024) and make appropriate recommendations prior to being presented for approval at a future meeting of the Council.

Motion: Establishment of an Honourable Havant Citizen Award and Civic Board

Proposed by Councillor Leah Turner
Seconded by Councillor Mark Coates

15th July 2023 - 20:54pm

There is a long tradition of Councils working closely with the Voluntary and Community Sector to respond to the needs of local Communities in emergencies, and in the long term and improve outcomes for residents. The importance of this relationship and the work undertaken by individuals or organisations within the Borough benefits Havant greatly. Residents' dedication and commitment to the Borough should be recognised and celebrated.

I therefore propose that the Council establishes an annual award to formally recognise

	<p>residents' achievements within our community and thank them for all their hard work. It would be appropriate to the occasion and the honour bestowed, that an annual award was presented during the Mayor Making Ceremony.</p> <p>Over the forthcoming months a suitable selection criteria and nominations process would be agreed with the Mayor's Office. This would allow all Members to put forward residents who they feel deserve recognition for their contribution to our society.</p> <p>The Council has also bestowed the Freedom of the Borough to the 47th Regiment Royal Artillery, based on Thorney Island. This is the most prestigious honour that the Council can bestow and one the Council should consider making to those most worthy and deserving eminent citizens. It would be timely to ensure that an appropriate selection criteria and nomination process is also considered for the future awarding of Freedom/Freeman of the Borough.</p> <p>To provide oversight of this work, I propose that a cross party Civic Board is established to oversee and agree this process, the Civic Board may consider and determine recommendations for an annual Honourable Havant Citizen award and in the case of the latter mentioned honour make appropriate recommendations to Council.</p> <p>The Council resolves to:- Support the establishment of an annual Honourable Havant Citizen Award. Establish a Civic Board to support the annual Honourable Havant Citizen Award and any future Freedom/Freeman of the Borough nominations.</p>	
<p>Motion: Installation of Electronic Signage on Beachlands, Hayling Island</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Phil Munday Seconded by Councillor Paul Gray</p> <p>We ask the Council to investigate the installation of electronic signage on Beachlands, Hayling Island, in order to give beach-goers timely and accurate sewage pollution warnings. This can be achieved by connecting to Southern Water's Beachbouy software via the internet in order to access the most current data.</p> <p>Before implementing this proposal, funding would need to be agreed and secured for this initiative through either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement of the Cabinet to invest in the initiative with the expectation that income from advertising revenue would cover costs. • Contribution to costs from Southern Water • Or alternative funding could be secured through crowdfunding. 	<p>12 June 2023 – 08:00</p>
<p>Motion: Chichester Harbour Environment and Investment Adaption Strategy</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Liz Fairhurst Seconded by Councillor Imogen Payter</p> <p>The Chichester Harbour AONB and SSSI is an internationally recognised body of water and home to valuable natural habitats. With the exception of a small minority of areas within the AONB that have been well managed and are ecologically thriving, its overall unfavourable and declining environmental condition is worrying.</p> <p>The iconic Langstone to Emsworth coastline is also enjoyed by thousands of residents on a</p>	<p>31 May 2023 16:18</p>

	<p>daily basis to exercise along the coastline and enjoy the natural environment, including the Langstone Mill Pond. Its public health amenity value is treasured by Havant Borough residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>The Council is already working closely with Hampshire County Council to realign the public footpath so as to ensure its continued use for the public and is taking a leading role through the Coastal Partnership, to tackle coastal erosion and habitat loss.</p> <p>This Council is highly concerned by the damaged seawall on the stretch of coastline near to Langstone Mill Pond and the subsequent potential loss of this valuable habitat and natural amenity area.</p> <p>We understand that much has to be done to weigh up the balance between the impact of coastal squeeze due to climate change and allowing the public to continue to enjoy the environment, as well as preserving habitats that are currently protected by seawalls.</p> <p>Therefore, the Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To seek support and funding from the Environment Agency and other key stakeholders for a long term solution by undertaking a Chichester Harbour Environment and Investment Adaptation Strategy. This should include the holistic assessment of the long-term management and enhancement of the wildlife within the Langstone Mill Pond that supports the network of habitats and species within the Harbour. 2. To write to the Environment Agency, Chichester Harbour Conservancy and Natural England to express the strong democratic support for the protection of the Langstone Mill Pond through sea defences. 	
<p>Motion: Testing in Langstone Harbour</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Phil Munday Seconded by Councillor Amy Redsull</p> <p>That Havant Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) negotiate with Portsmouth City Council to develop regular water quality sampling of Langstone Harbour in order to understand the environmental, health and safety impact within the harbour in a data driven way; and 2) verifies with Southern Water their claims about Budds Farm £20M investment on water quality; and 3) to better protect our residents who use the harbour from the effects of harmful pathogens like e-coli that cause sickness and infection' 	<p>17:03 on 10 February 2023.</p>
<p>Motion : Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Rennie Seconded by Councillor Munday</p> <p>This Council expresses its sorrow at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and pays tribute to her long service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. On behalf of the residents of the</p>	<p>12 September 2022 – 11.41 am</p>

	<p>Borough of Havant we also extend our heartfelt sympathies to His Majesty King Charles III, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family.</p> <p>The Council also resolves to pledge our allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III.</p>	
Motion: The Appointment of Town Crier	<p>Proposer: Councillor Alex Rennie Seconded: Councillor Pam Crellin</p> <p>Proposal for Town Crier</p> <p>The settlement of Havant can trace itself back throughout British History to the doomsday book when the monks of Winchester Cathedral were granted the right to hold a market on the feast of St Faith's.</p> <p>While we cannot be sure when the first Town Crier was appointed in the Borough, historical records show that the Town Crier was present at the Bear Inn at midday on 15 February 1820 to proclaim the accession of His Majesty, King George IV to the throne. Later it is recorded that the Town Crier proclaimed God Save the Queen outside the Black Dog Inn when Queen Victoria began her reign in 1837.</p> <p>In this, Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, this Council feels it is appropriate to formally establish the honorary title of Town Crier, to be bestowed by this Council to a resident of the Borough.</p> <p>This Council therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asks that the Monitoring Officer keeps a record of the appointment of Town Crier • Moves that Cllr Rosy Raines be appointed to the honorary role of Town Crier for the Borough of Havant for the duration of Her Majesty's Jubilee Celebrations and for other significant events in the future. • Requests that the Town Crier proclaims to the Borough Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2 June 2022 	4 May 2022 – 6.25 pm
Motion: Item 18 – Amendment to the Motion	<p>Because of the shocking human suffering in the Ukraine, Havant Borough Council calls on the Government to improve the Visa situation, so that refugees can enter Britain, with minimal formality and delay, after their traumatic experiences.</p>	
Motion : Ukraine	<p>Proposed by Councillor Payter Seconded by Councillor Rennie</p> <p>This Council condemns the actions taken by the Russian Government with its illegal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine. The Borough stands in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, flying its flag outside the Plaza with pride and applauds the efforts of local residents who have donated money and goods to the country.</p> <p>In addition, the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes the sanctions placed on Russia by the Government and supports sanctions on oligarchs and individuals who benefit from the patronage of the Russian leadership. • Calls on the Council's Chief Finance Officer to ensure that the Council divests any financial interest it may hold in Russian companies and investments. • Makes clear the Council will not invest in any Russian company through its Treasury 	11 March 2022 – 11.19 am

	<p>Management Strategy until such time that the Russian Government ends its illegal occupation of Ukraine and takes steps to reintegrate itself in the international community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests the Hampshire Local Government Pension Fund divests any similar interests and asks that the Chief Finance Officer to write to the fund managers to make clear this view. • Welcomes the Council's decision to allow vacant space in the Meridian Centre to be used to support humanitarian donations and calls upon the Council to continue to take all reasonable steps to be part of the national programme to house refugees. 	
<p>Motion: The Mayoralty</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Diana Patrick Seconded by Councillor Beryl Francis Further supported by Councillor Jo Lowe</p> <p>Havant Council became a Borough in 1974 when our first Mayor was appointed. Since that time 47 Mayors have served the Borough. Unmistakably, Havant has passed from a small market town making gloves and parchment, to a larger suburban conurbation attracting new industries of light engineering, plastic, and high technology. The Mayor's term of office denotes the municipal year and the Mayor has the status as first citizen after the Sovereign, and the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. This motion seeks to highlight the value of the Mayoralty which is enshrined in the Borough Charter and recognise the ceremonial and ambassadorial worth of the office. The motion seeks the endorsement of the Mayoralty and the value it provides from every elected Member and budget accordingly. Councillors, I call upon you to confirm your support to those who undertake this important role and to consider the recommendations of this motion That,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A past Mayor with full experience of the role rather than a member of the cabinet be elected to oversee the workings of the Mayoralty and to work in liaison with the FM team to ensure that full support is given to each new incumbent. 2. That the Mayoral budget which was cut by £3,000 from £14,700 in the Mayoral year 2019/20 and after the Mayor had been in office for over three months, to the current budget of £11,700 is to be utilised to allow the Mayor to perform whatever duties are required of them in their year of office. 3. That the Chain of Office and the Mayoral car which are synonymous with the dignity and office of the Mayor are to continue to be used in recognition of the role. 4. That the Mayor is given the authority to decide which engagements are of the foremost importance to the ambassadorial role, to the benefit of the residents of the Borough, and the promotion of businesses and commercial enterprises within the Borough. 5. To give more responsibility to future Mayors to run their own budget and decide how that budget should be spent. 	<p>15th February 2022</p>

	<p>6. That the allowance of £3,000 for the Mayor and £1,000 for the Deputy Mayor should continue and be used for out of pocket expenses only, but that any remaining amount at the end of the Municipal year should be retained by the incumbents in lieu of an SRA.</p> <p>7. And that those Councillors who wish to take on this prestigious role should have served a minimum of one term as a Councillor, that they should submit their names to the Leader of the Council by a due date, and those nominations voted for by secret ballot at Group meeting.</p> <p>Fellow members, there may be those amongst you who would seek this role in the future. I ask you all not to allow this great privilege to be degraded into virtual non existence.</p> <p>WITHDRAWN</p>	
<p>Motion: Sir David Arness MP</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor Alex Rennie Seconded by Councillor Beryl Francis</p> <p>This Council mourns the loss of Sir David Amess MP, who was killed performing his constituency duties on 15 October 2021.</p> <p>This Council recalls the tragic loss of Jo Cox MP in 2016 and the attack on Stephen Timms MP in 2010. The death of Sir David represents the third such attack on a British parliamentarian in a little over a decade and this Council condemns all such attacks as attacks directly on our democracy.</p> <p>This Council believes in the power of democratic politics to make a positive difference to people's lives and recognises that politicians of all parties, at all tiers of Government, are overwhelmingly dedicated, decent people discharging their democratic duties as best they can.</p> <p>This Council asks that the Council Leader conveys our condolences on the loss of Sir David to the Speaker of the House of Commons and writes to the Leaders of all political parties in Westminster to support measures that would see politicians and Councillors at all tiers of government kept safe and secure so that they continue working hard on behalf of their constituents.</p>	<p>22 October 2021, 9.25 pm</p>
<p>Motion: Impact of Fireworks on Animal Welfare and Vulnerable People</p>	<p>Proposed By Councillor Milne Seconded by Councillor Lloyd</p> <p>(The motion was submitted to the Annual Council meeting in accordance with Standing Order 14 and subsequently deferred to the 16 June 2021 meeting)</p> <p>Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals. They can be a source of fear and distress for many animals (including pet animals, farm livestock and wildlife). Animals affected not only suffer psychological distress but can also cause themselves injuries – sometimes very serious ones – as they attempt to run away or hide from the noise.</p> <p>The unpredictable, loud and high intensity noises that many fireworks make can cause fear.</p> <p><i>For example, studies have found fireworks to be the most common cause for fear</i></p>	<p>28 April 2021 – 3.41 pm</p>

responses in dogs¹, and it is estimated that 45 percent of dogs show signs of fear when they hear fireworks². A New Zealand survey recorded 79 percent of horses as either anxious or very anxious around fireworks or over the Guy Fawkes Day period³

Debris produced by fireworks, if found on the ground, can also pose a hazard to animals, such as horses and farm livestock.

Although there is limited direct evidence, it is also likely that fireworks and their debris will cause disturbance to wildlife, and are likely to cause suffering or distress, depending on the distance from the explosive and the noise level.

The short-lived nature of firework noise can make it difficult for the police or local authority officers to pinpoint locations and take action.

The RSPCA believes that a licensing system would help with better enforcement of the law by allowing enforcement bodies to know where licensed events are being held so they can focus on locations and incidents elsewhere.

The RSPCA believes there is a real need to raise awareness amongst owners of animals about fireworks phobia.

This phobia can be treated (in dogs at least) in the long term but owners need to prepare themselves and their pets sooner, rather than just before the fireworks are let off. There is a need to raise awareness about the impact of fireworks on animals to the wider public to encourage them to be more considerate of those with pets, horses and livestock as well as local wildlife.

The RSPCA believes the law is failing as it does not prevent or sufficiently reduce the risk of fireworks causing distress, injury or anxiety to people, as well as death, injury or distress to animals.

We believe that further research is needed to properly understand the impact of noise on animals and a number of things can be done to improve the situation for animals and people by:

- introducing a limit on the public use of fireworks on or close to specific dates and times
- tightening restrictions on the sale of fireworks in the run up to Bonfire night
- reducing the maximum noise level of fireworks sold to the public, ensuring they are labelled accurately
- licensing all public firework displays – and ensuring displays are better advertised to the public.

RECOMMENDATION

This Council resolves:

- 1 to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people;
- 2 to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks;
- 3 to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private

	<p>displays to encourage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Blackwell, E., Bradshaw, J., & Casey, R. (2013). Fear responses to noises in domestic dogs: Prevalence, risk factors and co-occurrence with other fear related behaviour. Applied Animal Behaviour Science 145, 15-25 2 Blackwell, E., Casey, R., & Bradshaw, J. (2005). Firework Fears and Phobias in the Domestic Dog. Scientific Report for the RSPCA, University of Bristol, UK 3 Gronqvist, G, Rogers, C. & Gee, E. (2016). The Management of Horses during Fireworks in New Zealand. Animals 6(20). 	
Motion: Impact of Fireworks on Animal Welfare and Vulnerable People	<p>Proposed by Councillor Milne Seconded by Councillor Lloyd</p> <p>This Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people; 2 to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks: 3 to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display. <p>(NOTE: this motion was withdrawn and resubmitted in a revised form to Council on 16 June 2022)</p>	8 June 2021 – 4.31 pm
Motion: Paperless Meetings	<p>Proposed by Councillor Prad Bains Seconded by Councillor Alex Rennie</p> <p>The default position of this Council is to be paperless, with all copies of paperwork only being sent digitally from March 1st 2021. If any Councillor wishes to receive a manual copy of paperwork for a specific meeting from that point onwards, they can request to do so in writing to Democratic Services. With benefits from both a financial and environmental standpoint, it enables us to do what’s right on behalf of the residents we serve.</p> <p>WITHDRAWN</p>	16 th February 2021 at 12 noon
Motion: Need to Reduce Harmful Carbon Emissions.	<p>Proposed by Councillor Francis Seconded by Councillor Pike</p> <p>(The following motion was accepted by the Mayor as a late item to the agenda of the adjourned meeting of Annual Council held on 20 May 2019 on the grounds that Havant needed to respond swiftly to the nationally recognised need to reduce harmful carbon emissions)</p> <p>This Council recognises that residents, businesses, community groups and public bodies all have a</p>	20 May 2019 – 10.55 am

part to play in reducing harmful emissions and improving our environment.

As a Council, we wish to see a reduction in carbon emissions across the Borough, and new dwellings that have a reduced impact on the environment.

Our draft Local Plan 2036 gives clear leadership to sustainable housing, increasing use of renewable energy and electric vehicles. We call upon housebuilders to comply with, and exceed these new standards which will significantly reduce the environmental impact of new housing.

As a Council, we are providing leadership in environmental standards by, for example, investing in electric vehicles for HBC services, electric vehicle charging points in our car parks, better cycling and walking routes, high standards of building and green spaces in our regeneration plans and increasing our recycling rates.

There are many steps that property owners can take, for example, solar PV/solar tiles, solar assisted water heating, individual room thermostatic heating controls, exterior wall insulation, double/triple glazing, electric car charging points and other low carbon and energy saving measures.

This Council urges all residents, businesses and other public bodies to work with us to reduce our collective impact on the environment.