



**POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
12TH NOVEMBER 2013**

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – SKY LANTERNS

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151
OFFICER**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 3 of the Report, and make appropriate recommendations to Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Andrew Lewis.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to Committee for consideration.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 Councillor Lewis requests in his Notice of Motion that the Council resolves as follows:-
- That the Council recognises the fire hazard associated with the use of sky lanterns (also known as Chinese lanterns), which can potentially lead to the loss of life, damage to property and increase the pressure on the police, fire service and medical emergency services.
 - That the Council agrees to ban the sale and use of sky lanterns from any of its premises or property.
- 3.2 By way of background information, attached at Appendix 1 is a copy of a letter from Alun Davies, Minister for Natural Resources and Food, dated 7th October 2013, which highlights the benefits of introducing a voluntary ban on the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons from council-owned/controlled land.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 3 above and make appropriate recommendations to Council.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Letter from Alun Davies AM, Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Welsh Government.