

Amendments

Amendment 1 to the Motion proposed by Councillor Bethia Thomas, seconded by Councillor Matt Webb

Amendment proposed by Councillor Middleton, seconded by Councillor McLauchlan

This Council:

- Recognises the county was officially declared in drought after multiple heatwaves this summer.
- Notes the number of wildfires and uncontrolled burns that have been linked to extreme heat and dry conditions.
- Recognises these ~~conditions are very different to those experienced previously and may set a new pattern due to climate change~~ new conditions are due to climate change and are forecast to increase in severity in coming years.
- Seeks to support and protect our fire service, our communities, and our rural landscape which is susceptible to uncontrolled burning.

Council therefore:

1. Asks the Cabinet Member for Resources to work with the Fire and Rescue Service and the ~~Fire Brigades Union~~ FBU to understand their needs considering the conditions they now face.
2. Asks Cabinet to consider measures to minimise the risk of uncontrolled fires by:
 - a. Ensuring that wildfire prevention and management is a priority for the Climate Adaptation Team;
 - b. Working with ~~rural~~ all local communities to reduce the risk of outbreaks in open country;
 - c. ~~Sensitively R~~reviewing the sustainable management of verges and ~~land owned by the Council~~ land taking this into account;
 - d. Working with Trading Standards and Licencing Authorities to ensure the responsible sale and use of fireworks, ~~and firework displays are managed responsibly and Chinese lanterns.~~
 - d.e. Raising awareness of littering as a cause of fire, especially glass bottles and cigarette ends;
3. Requests the Leader of the Council writes to the appropriate Minister to request resources ensuring our fire service is equipped to fight ~~fires like these~~ wildfires at scale, urging them to work with other governments nationally and internationally to understand best practice to reduce risk, including the idea of a total ~~fire~~ ban on outside fires during high risk periods ~~when required, and a broad approach to reducing the risk of fire.~~

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'Clean' version if Amendment 1 accepted

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Council therefore:

1. Asks the Cabinet Member for Resources to work with the Fire and Rescue Service and the FBU to understand their needs considering the conditions they now face.
2. Asks Cabinet to consider measures to minimise the risk of uncontrolled fires by:
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 - b. Working with all local communities to reduce the risk of outbreaks in open country;
 - c. Sensitively reviewing the sustainable management of verges and Council land;
 - d. Working with Trading Standards and Licencing Authorities to ensure the responsible sale and use of fireworks and Chinese lanterns.
 - e. Raising awareness of littering as a cause of fire, especially glass bottles and cigarette ends;
3. Requests the Leader of the Council writes to the appropriate Minister to request resources ensuring our fire service is equipped to fight wildfires at scale, urging them to work with other governments nationally and internationally to understand best practice to reduce risk, including the idea of a total ban on outside fires during high risk periods.

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Amendment 2 to the Motion proposed by Councillor Bethia Thomas, seconded by Councillor Matt Webb

Proposed by Councillor Snowdon, seconded by Councillor Malik

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- Notes the number of wildfires and uncontrolled burns ~~that have been linked to extreme heat and dry conditions.~~
- Recognises these conditions ~~are very different to those experienced previously and~~ may set a new pattern due to climate change.
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2. Asks Cabinet to consider measures to minimise the risk of uncontrolled fires by:
 - a. Ensuring that wildfire prevention and management is a priority for the Climate Adaptation Team;
 - b. Working with rural communities to reduce ~~the risk of~~ outbreaks ~~in open country~~;
 - c. Reviewing the management of ~~verges and~~ Council-owned land ~~owned by the Council taking this into account~~;
 - d. Working with Trading Standards and Licencing Authorities to ensure the sale of fireworks, and firework displays are managed responsibly.
 - a-e. Recognising the fire risk from incorrectly disposed lithium-ion batteries and promoting safe disposal, while recognising regulation and safety standards must keep pace with battery technology.
3. Requests the Leader of the Council writes to the appropriate Minister Baroness Blake of Leeds CBE, Minister for Building Safety, Fire and Resilience to request resources ensuring our fire service is equipped to fight fires like these at scale, urging them to work with other governments nationally and internationally to understand the Government to consider international best practice, including the idea of potential for a total fire ban when required, and a broad approach to reducing the risk of fire.
- 3.4. Acknowledges the lessons from last year's proposed Oxfordshire fire station closures, welcomes that they did not proceed, and recognises the importance of maintaining frontline fire and rescue capacity.

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- Recognises these conditions may set a new pattern due to climate change.
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