Fireworks Legislation – Changes noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding changes to fireworks legislation, advising

(1) that the Scottish Government had passed new legislation which brought in restrictions on the amount of fireworks that could be purchased by the general public, the times when fireworks could be purchased and the restrictions on times, dates and areas where the general public could use fireworks;

(2) of the 2019 public consultation on fireworks by the Scottish Government and its key findings;

(3) that in response to the consultation findings, the Fireworks Action Plan was launched and had established an Independent Review Group with the remit to consider the feasibility of available options within the legislation and present recommendations for change with a view to tightening regulations on fireworks in Scotland;

(4) of the recommendations made by the Independent Review Group and the subsequent introduction of The Fireworks (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendment Regulations 2021 and the changes implemented by the regulations that came into force on 30th June 2022;

(5) that a further consultation in June 2021 had sought views on the remaining Independent Review Group recommendations and had informed the development of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill and the subsequent introduction of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022;

(6) in further detail of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 and the implementation timetable; and

(7) that the duties of Trading Standards and Local Authorities would be clarified when further details of implementation of the new system had been confirmed by the Scottish Government.