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| <b>Subject:</b>           | <b>Notice of Motion – Silent Fireworks</b>             |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 10th June, 2026  |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Craig Mealey, Committee Services Officer               |

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| <b>Restricted Reports</b>                                |   |
| <b>Is this report restricted?</b>                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b> |   |
| <b>After Committee Decision</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <b>After Council Decision</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <b>Some time in the future</b>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <b>Never</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>  |

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| <b>Call-in</b>                               |   |
| <b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>   |
| 1.1        | To consider a motion in relation to Silent Fireworks, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 26th May, 2026.  |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Recommendations</b>   |
| 2.1        | <p>The Committee is asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure or fall within the remit of a particular Committee must be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>At this stage, the Committee is asked to note that the notice of motion has been received and that, if agreed, a subsequent report will be brought back to the Committee outlining a detailed consideration of the motion and the potential cost implications.</p> |

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| 3.0 | <b>Main report</b>  |
| 3.1 | <b><u>Key Issues</u></b>  |
|     | <p>At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 26th May, 2026, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Flynn and seconded by Councillor Smyth, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> |
| 3.2 | <b><u>Silent fireworks</u></b>  |
|     | <p>“This Council recognises the distress caused by high-noise fireworks to many residents, including autistic people, those with sensory issues or PTSD, elderly residents, pets, livestock and wildlife.</p>                         |
|     | <p>Council notes that low-noise fireworks are increasingly used at public events and can provide the same visual impact while significantly reducing noise disruption to communities.</p>   |
|     | <p>Accordingly, Council agrees to:</p>  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Explore the use of low-noise fireworks at Council-run and Council-funded events.</li> </ul>  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include low-noise alternatives in future procurement processes.</li> </ul>   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Receive a report on implementation options and costs.</li> </ul>   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Write to the Justice Minister calling for a review of fireworks legislation and the sale of high-noise fireworks in Northern Ireland.”</li> </ul>  |
|     | <p><b>Proposer:</b> Councillor Anthony Flynn</p>  |
|     | <p><b>Seconded:</b> Councillor Brian Smyth</p>  |
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| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b> |
|            | None.                                  |