WEST LOTHIAN
COMMUNITY
SAFETY UNIT

West Lothian – Bonfire Multi-Agency Plan

19th October 2018 – 12th November 2018

1.0 Background

1.1 This outline plan has been adopted for the West Lothian local area following consultation between a number of partners including Police Scotland (PS), the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and West Lothian Council (WLC).

2.0 Education

2.1 A programme of thematic education will take place in targeted schools carried out by SFRS in the lead up to bonfire night.

2.2 A press release will be issued by multi agency partners to highlight the dangers of bonfire and firework related incidents.

3.0 Inspection and Removal Procedures

3.1 The Safer Neighbourhood Team in conjunction with Police Scotland will be patrolling known 'hotspot' fire raising areas during the above period and reporting items for removal and/or reporting issues relating to antisocial behaviour witnessed, to the relevant services. These patrols will target areas identified by empirical evidence and also by dynamically led intelligence made available at the daily tasking group. NETS and Land Services officers will also report these issues if encountered during business as usual or seasonal activities.

3.2 Bonfires should be considered dangerous when they are within 18 meters of any building, close to any power lines or greater than 2.5 meters high.

3.3 On finding bonfires under construction but not yet lit, NETS and Land Services can be contacted on 01506 280000 / 07810548000

3.3 Where bonfires are found already alight a request should be made to the SFRS on **999** and, if possible, include the following details:

- amount of material involved;
- materials involved e.g. cylinders – colour and type;
- distance from buildings;
- presence of persons;
- any evidence of a threat either from persons present or from items within the fire.

This will allow the Scottish Fire Service to prioritise the call and request police assistance if deemed necessary.

There is no requirement for any other Service to deal with LIT bonfires.

4.0 Actions on Contact to Net's and Land Services:

4.1 All requests for removal of bonfires under construction, or materials suspected of being used for bonfire purposes should be phoned through on 01506 280000 / 07810548000 The Area Officer will arrange for removal from land maintained by NETS and Land Services.

4.2 ASB related to bonfire removal should be recorded for evaluation purposes.

5.0 Actions by partners experiencing anti-social behaviour (ASB)

5.1 Any partner agencies who experience anti-social behaviour during the bonfire reporting period should, in addition to local procedures, inform the daily tasking and co-ordinating group to assist in the evaluation and for future planning.

6.0 Sale or Storage of Fireworks

6.1 Trading Standards will visit all registered premises, any assistance required or concerns raised will be reported to the SFRS, Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) Kenny Stewart, 07888730434.

6.2 Any partner who encounters firework sale or storage issues should in the first instance contact Trading Standards on 01506 282478/282484 who will then liaise with PS and SFRS accordingly.

7.0 Review Process

7.1 A multi-agency review will be carried out to include:

- Bonfires removed
- Personnel encountering ASB
- Hospital admissions concerning fire/firework related injuries
- Education carried out

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