

Finance & General Services Committee

5 October 2021

Motion agreed and referred by:

Climate Change & Environmental Issues Working Group

Balloon and Sky Lantern Releases

It is widely known that balloon and sky lanterns released into the atmosphere have the potential to have an adverse impact on the environment. There is a risk of harm to wildlife, livestock, and marine life. Sky lanterns pose a significant fire hazard, and both contribute to litter and waste on land.

Motion to Finance & General Services Committee:

That:

(i) Ashington Town Council supports Northumberland County Council's stance on balloon and sky lantern releases and formally adopts a policy that opposes the release of balloons and sky lanterns in Ashington,

(ii) A statement to be released on the Town Council managed website and social media platforms that publicises the Council's adopted position and sets out the negative environmental consequences of balloon and sky lantern releases; and that

(iii) An alternative list of suitable, ethical and eco-friendly environmental alternatives be published alongside the statement.

Cllr. Jim Lang

Chair – Climate Change & Environmental Issues Working Group

28 September 2021