

AGENDA ITEM No. ....10.....

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

<p>To : ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p> <hr/> <p>From : DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p> <hr/> <p>Date : 10 November 1998      Ref : KW/SP</p>	<p>Subject :</p> <p><b>FIREWORK SAFETY 1998</b></p>
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**PROPOSED DECISION**

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

**REPORT**

This Department's Trading Standards staff, in partnership with the Community Police, were involved in pro-active work on firework safety in the run up to 5 November.

In the week beginning 19 October officers from Trading Standards and Community Police visited 25 Primary Schools in North Lanarkshire. They spoke to 1423 pupils in Primary 6 and 7 on the Fireworks Code and the dangers of messing about with fireworks.

Following this, the two agencies teamed up again to visit those premises that are registered with North Lanarkshire Council for the keeping of fireworks, and to identify any unregistered premises. In total, there are 120 premises registered for the period 01 October 1998 - 30 September 1999. No unregistered premises were discovered.

The main purpose of the visits was to check that there was safe and proper storage of the fireworks and to ensure that 'banned' fireworks were not on sale. On the whole retailers were found to be storing fireworks correctly. However, officers did find 'banned' fireworks in possession for sale which were last years stock. These were all voluntarily surrendered to the Department for destruction. The numbers involved were as follows:

Bangers	-	4820
Mini Rockets	-	1560
Chinese Crackers	-	30

A press release publicising this joint initiative was issued to the local press and articles appeared in the Lanarkshire People, Motherwell Times, Airdrie & Coatbridge Advertiser and the Kirkintilloch Herald in advance of Bonfire Night.

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