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Dear Ann

**Motion agreed by West Dunbartonshire Council**

I am writing to advise that West Dunbartonshire Council, at its meeting on 17 December 2025, agreed a motion urging an immediate reconsideration of the decision to pause the licensing scheme and request a renewed commitment to implementing the full provisions of the 2022 Act, including mandatory training and tighter sales controls. It was agreed that the motion terms should be shared with neighbouring Councils.

A copy of the full motion is enclosed for your attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Hessett".

Peter Hessett  
Chief Executive

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### **Motion agreed by West Dunbartonshire Council**

Council notes with deep concern the escalation of dangerous antisocial and criminal behaviour linked to fireworks misuse across West Dunbartonshire in recent weeks.

Residents have reported prolonged disturbances, distress to animals, and intimidation of vulnerable individuals, including war veterans and young families. These incidents have undermined community safety and wellbeing, particularly in areas such as Dumbarton West and Dalmuir in Clydebank, where reports suggest deliberate targeting of those who raise concerns.

Council further notes the Scottish Government's decision to pause the implementation of the national fireworks licensing scheme, as originally set out in the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022. This reversal removes a critical tool for preventing inappropriate purchases and enforcing responsible use, leaving local authorities and emergency services without adequate powers to protect the public.

Council condemns both the recent disorder and the failure to deliver promised legislative safeguards. We reaffirm our support for robust national regulation, including mandatory licensing, restricted sales, and enforceable usage windows.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Write to the First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Justice, urging an immediate reconsideration of the decision to pause the licensing scheme.
2. Request a renewed commitment to implementing the full provisions of the 2022 Act, including mandatory training and tighter sales controls.
3. Continue working with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Trading Standards to mitigate local risks and consider whether Firework Control Zones may offer an effective means of reducing disturbance through the misuse of fireworks.
4. Share this motion with COSLA and neighbouring councils to build cross-authority pressure for national action.