



Subject:	Service Level agreement with Department of Justice for Fireworks and MSER inspections by BCC officers
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	A service level agreement has existed for a number of years with the Department of Justice (DOJ) setting out arrangements for BCC employees who are authorised by DOJ to act as agents in carrying out inspections of premises storing items under the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations (NI) 2006 (MSER). Such premises typically store fireworks or air bag components.
1.2	The service level agreement has been amended to include inspections of fireworks display sites under the Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations (NI) 2002. While this activity has also been carried out by BCC employees as agents for DOJ for a number of years, it did not previously form part of the service level agreement.
1.3	The service level agreement is a common document which applies to all District Councils in Northern Ireland.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the amended service level agreement with the Department of Justice for

	Fireworks and MSER enforcement by BCC officers.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The revised service level agreement covers training, authorisation/warranting of Council employees to enforce the relevant fireworks and MSER legislation and the working procedures and arrangements between DOJ and BCC. The SLA also covers the fees to be paid by DOJ to BCC for the service provided and the invoicing arrangements for recoupment of fees.
3.2	In the Belfast City Council area there are normally in the region of 20-25 Fireworks displays inspected per annum and 18 premises are currently registered to store explosives such as fireworks and air bag components.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.3	This work is carried out on a full cost recovery basis and is included in existing work programmes.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.4	None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) The Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations (NI) 2006 (as amended) in respect of persons registered to store Hazard Type 3 & 4 explosives as defined in service schedule 1. B) The Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (as amended) in respect of Fireworks Displays.