

## **Public Questions to Council on 31 July 2025**

### **1 Question from Karen Champion**

As an authority with responsibilities towards air quality, noise levels and waste collection is it time to consider holding more modern forms of celebration that the default to large, noisy, polluting firework displays of Chinese made fireworks?

The celebrations of the Olympics has shown that there is a huge variety of inspirational ways of celebrating events with light shows, drone based displays and music.

Is it time to show that this authority has moved with the times and stopped spending our hard earned money on this waste of natural resources?

### **2 Question from Julia Irving**

To be a resilient community we need to be informed engaged and proactive. The Borough Council is in a leadership position in the community and could, within the limitations of its powers, nurture that resilient community.

For example, food insecurity is a very predictable outcome of climate breakdown, as crops fail in conditions of drought, extreme heat and flooding, causing food shortages, price increase and severe food poverty , to speak of the very least of the problems . A proactive approach could include collective planning with residents, suppliers and distributors of food, encouraging residents to grow their own food, increasing allotments and community gardens.

As there is not a committee or planning body set up specifically to face and plan for the emergency's consequent upon climate and ecological breakdown, should one be put in place?