

## **Fenland District Council**

### **Policy regarding Balloon and Sky Lantern Releases**

#### **Fenland District Council Policy;**

All intentional balloon and sky lantern releases are prohibited on Council owned land and property and also at events licensed, endorsed or supported by the Council whether on Council land or otherwise.

#### **Policy Notes;**

The impressive visual impact of balloons and sky lanterns being released into the sky may last a few minutes, but the impact upon the environment and wildlife can last many months, with potentially harmful consequences. Sky lanterns also pose a fire hazard to dry standing crops, stacks of hay or straw, forestry and farm buildings and thatched cottages, which are in abundance in the Fenland areas.

This policy concerns the protection of the environment, agricultural land, scenery, livestock and wildlife.

This Policy focuses on events being organised or held on Council land and any event supported, endorsed or requiring a licence, including those on private land. The policy forms part of the terms and conditions of leases, hires and licences.

The term “release” is defined to exclude an accidental release by a child or adult, where one might be let go of a balloon at a fete or funfair. This policy stipulates the intentional act of releasing balloons or lanterns into the general environment including mass releases.