

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT
TO THE LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

15 JANUARY 2020
ALL WARDS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO SODIUM: OXHILL ROAD

1. Summary
 - 1.1 This report advises Committee on work undertaken by Environmental Health as part of its public protection role including out of hours.

2. Recommendations
 - 2.1 That the actions taken in respect of this matter and charges on the premises be endorsed.

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3. Background

- 3.1 On the 7th November 2019, West Midlands Fire Service attended a fire in a garage to the rear of a property in Oxhill Road, Handsworth.
- 3.2 The fire initially reported as a chemical fire required attendance by Environmental Health and the deployment of emergency chemical waste contractors to make safe the area.

4. Incident

- 4.1 The incident occurred at approximately 9pm on Thursday the 7th November and the attached presentation details what occurred.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 This work was undertaken as part of business as usual and emergency response. Consultation is not required.

6. Implications for Resources

- 6.1 The council has a duty to take all steps required to keep residents safe. Applications are being made to emergency contingency funds to cover the costs incurred. Charge on property

7. Implications for Policy Priorities

- 7.1 This work supports the Regulation and Enforcement Division's mission statement to provide 'locally accountable and responsive fair regulation for all - achieving a safe, healthy, clean, green and fair trading city for residents, business and visitors'.

8. Public Sector Equality Duty

- 8.1 There is no equality implications from this work.

INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Background Papers: Nil