



# TREATY ON PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 17/21

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The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to consider a request to the Mayor from the Isle of Wight CND to declare support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

**No. DETAILS**

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**1) BACKGROUND**

- a) The Mayor has been informed by the Isle of Wight CND that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons came into force on 22 January 2021 along with a request for Ventnor Town Council to declare support for a world ban on nuclear weapons.
  - b) The request is attached to this Report.
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TPNW

Enters into force

22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2021

The acronym TPNW stands for

TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 is when the TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS will enter into force.

This is the once-in-history celebration of the moment we ban nuclear weapons.

Isle of Wight CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) want to inform you of this moment in history and want to ask Ventnor Town Council to be among the many local councils in the UK to declare support for a world ban on nuclear weapons.

The UK government has refused to participate in the Treaty talks.

But as responsible citizens we can make progress towards changing our governments stance.

CND are urging councils to create Nuclear Ban Communities. Can Ventnor become such a community?

Together we can sign up to support the TPNW.

With the May elections close upon us it is worth thinking of ways in which after Covid we can BUILD BACK BETTER.

Taking a stance on the implementation of a Nuclear Ban Community for our locality and then broadening it to encompass the whole of the Isle of Wight would be a huge step towards this aspiration.

ISLE OF WIGHT CND

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