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CITY COUNCIL SUPPLEMENT

Monday 25 November 2013

2 pm

Council House (Next to the Civic Centre), Plymouth

Members:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs Pengelly, Chair

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Churchill, Vice Chair

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Casey, Coker, Damarell, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Mrs Dolan, Drean, Evans, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Gordon, Haydon, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, Dr. Mahony, McDonald, Monahan, Morris, Murphy, Mrs Nelder, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker, Penberthy, Rennie, Ricketts, Dr. Salter, Singh, John Smith, Peter Smith, Stark, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wiggins, Williams and Wright.

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and attach an amendment to the Motion on Notice on the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control, for consideration under agenda item 13 (b).

Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

13. ANY FURTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED

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- (b) Amendment to Motion on Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control:**

To be moved by Councillor Sue McDonald and seconded by Councillor Tudor Evans.

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MOTION ON NOTICE - AMENDMENT

Please note that additional wording is underlined (nothing has been deleted).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECLARATION ON TOBACCO CONTROL

It is acknowledged that:

- Smoking is the single greatest cause of premature death and disease in our communities;
- Reducing smoking in our communities significantly increases household incomes and benefits the local economy;
- Reducing smoking amongst the most disadvantaged in our communities is the single most important means of reducing health inequalities;
- Smoking is an addiction largely taken up by children and young people, two thirds of smokers start before the age of 18;
- Smoking is an epidemic created and sustained by the tobacco industry, which promotes uptake of smoking to replace the 80,000 people its products kill in England every year; and
- The illicit trade in tobacco funds the activities of organised criminal gangs and gives children access to cheap tobacco.

As local leaders in public health we welcome the:

- Opportunity for local government to lead local action to tackle smoking and secure the health, welfare, social, economic and environmental benefits that come from reducing smoking prevalence;

It is therefore recommended that the Council commits itself to:

- Act at a local level to reduce smoking prevalence and health inequalities and to raise the profile of the harm caused by smoking to our communities;
- Develop plans with our partners and local communities to address the causes and impacts of tobacco use;
- Participate in local and regional networks for support;
- Support the government in taking action at national level to help local authorities reduce smoking prevalence and health inequalities in our communities;
- Protect our tobacco control work from the commercial and vested interests of the tobacco industry by not accepting any partnerships, payments, gifts and services, monetary or in kind or research funding offered by the tobacco industry to officials or employees except as mentioned in Annex A so as to enable the authority to pursue its enforcement role concerning illicit or unsafe tobacco;

- Monitor the progress of our plans against our commitments and publish the results; and
- Publicly declare our commitment to reducing smoking in our communities by joining the Smokefree Action Coalition, the alliance of organisations working to reduce the harm caused by tobacco.

And invites all the City's Members of Parliament to sign this declaration too.

Annex A

To enable the authority to pursue its enforcement role concerning illicit or unsafe tobacco the following interaction will take place between it and the Tobacco Industry:

- Receipt of training from the Tobacco Industry on the identification of illegal tobacco products;
- Examination of illegal tobacco products by the Tobacco Industry to enable the gathering of intelligence and identification of illegal tobacco products;
- Provision of witness statements from the Tobacco Industry to confirm that a tobacco product is illegal and enable legal proceedings to be taken forward.

All interactions with the Tobacco industry will be recorded in a contact log for transparency.

Proposed by Councillor Sue McDonald

Seconded by Councillor Tudor Evans