

MOTION ON NOTICE



Date of Council Meeting: 18 September 2023

Title of Motion: Impact of Vaping on Young People

Motion Narrative and Action Required:

Vaping has become very popular as an aid to give up smoking but in recent times vaping has become an issue in our schools locally and across the country.

Young people are obtaining vapes and adding additional dangerous chemicals such as Spice and Cannabis, which are sadly sold at pocket money prices and given to young people. This is having a harmful impact on the growing minds of the City's young people.

Because of the new trend to vape, young people are using the habit not to give up smoking but to take up vaping having never smoked and to obtain, what some of them see as a benefit, of an additional drug.

This is having a clear impact in our schools with evidence of unruly behaviour by some students and an impact on young people's learning.

Council resolves:

1. To write to Neil O'Brien MP Minister for Primary Care and Public Health to ask for stricter controls on vape shops and vaping to ensure the same restrictions are applied as with cigarettes, particularly the warnings placed on packaging.
2. To request that the Government ban single use Vapes, that are attractive to young people and lobby our 3 local MPs to take this message to government.
3. To encourage the City Council's Public Protection Department and trading standards to continue to undertake random test purchases across Plymouth, to catch those who do sell to young people under the age of 18 years.
4. To continue to encourage schools to engage with parents to ensure they know the risks that vaping has on young people and the developing mind.
5. To request all education facilities with Plymouth to ban vapes within their premises.

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