

# Health and Wellbeing Board



Date of meeting:	04 June 2025
Title of Report:	MoN - Strengthening Measures to Combat Youth Vaping. A review of the current Health and Wellbeing Board position statement on vaping.
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Your Reference:	N/A
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

In January 2025, City Council agreed the Motion on Notice: [Strengthening Measures to Combat Youth Vaping](#). The MoN included a request that the 'existing Health and Wellbeing Board's position statement on vaping be reviewed to account for the changing use by children'.

This report provides a review of the existing position on vaping. It includes consideration the latest evidence on uptake of vaping by children and young people, an overview of the broad range of responses by the Children and Young People system in Plymouth, and a summary of the recent changes in law.

## Recommendations and Reasons

That the health and wellbeing board:

1. Re-affirm their support for the Vaping Position Statement 2019 (as amended in September 2023), and confirm that it remains fit for purpose to date;
2. Notes that "this is a dynamic situation, and we will continue to review and respond to new evidence as it emerges" (Vaping Position Statement 2023);
3. Notes and commends work building a city-wide approach to vaping as presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in July 2024 and work subsequently undertaken under the Schools Place Based Improvement Plan;
4. Acknowledges the requests of the Motion on Notice heard at Full Council in January 2025 as actioned.

### Alternative options considered and rejected

Not review the existing Vaping Position Statement: Rejected as City Council agreed a Motion on Notice in January 2025 requesting this review be undertaken. The lack of an agreed position to inform citywide efforts to reduce the prevalence of smoking would result in a piecemeal approach and the continued confusion in the minds of the public between the risks and benefits associated with vaping.

### Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This work supports the Plymouth Plan Healthy City Strategic Outcome that 'People in Plymouth live in happy, healthy, safe and aspiring communities where social, economic and environmental conditions and services enable choices that add quality years to life and reduce the gap in health and wellbeing between communities.' In particular Plymouth Plan Strategic Objective 1 (Delivering a Healthy City), points one, two and three: 1. Delivering solutions and creating environments which address the wider determinants of health and wellbeing and make healthy choices available. 2. Reducing health and wellbeing inequalities and the burden of chronic diseases in the city. 3. Delivering the best health, wellbeing and social outcomes for all people, and reducing and mitigating the impact of poverty, especially child poverty.

### Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None

### Financial Risks

None

### Legal Implications

None

### Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None

### Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

A coherent approach to vaping that is consistent with the evidence base will support more people to stop smoking tobacco which will have health, social care and economic benefits for those people, their families and communities.

### Appendices

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
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A	Vaping Presentation							
B	Motion on Notice - <a href="#">Strengthening Measures to Combat Youth Vaping.pdf</a>							

C	<a href="#">H&amp;WB Vaping Position Statement 2019</a>						
D	<a href="#">Use of vapes (e-cigarettes) among young people in Great Britain - ASH</a>						
E	<a href="#">Using e-cigarettes to stop smoking - NHS</a>						

## Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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**Sign off:**

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<p>Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Professor Steve Maddern</p> <p>Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes</p> <p>03/06/2025</p> <p>Cabinet Member approval: <i>Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)</i></p> <p>Date approved: 03/06/2025</p>											