



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Vaping
Date:	28 th March, 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 3 rd April in relation to Vaping.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Motion will be referred, in the first instance, to the People and Communities Committee.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="316 304 472 331"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 365 1516 432">The Committee will be aware that Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r), as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 465 1516 633">(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="363 656 1516 824">(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i> <li data-bbox="387 846 1516 947">(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i> <li data-bbox="387 969 1516 1037">(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i> <li data-bbox="387 1059 1516 1160">(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i> <li data-bbox="387 1182 1516 1328">(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i> <p data-bbox="316 1361 845 1395">The following motion has been received:</p>
3.2	<p data-bbox="316 1429 416 1462"><u>Vaping</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 1496 1516 1563">“Belfast faces a growing problem of vaping by children and young adults. These products are addictive, damaging to health and often contain illegal substances.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1597 1516 1697">The legislation covering their sale is inadequate. While it is illegal to sell them to under 18s there is no registration of retailers, no restriction on the display of the products and no resources to identify illegal and harmful additives.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1731 1516 1798">Some disposable vapes are designed to be attractive to children and many are discarded in the street posing an environmental and health risk.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1832 1516 1966">In the face of a developing public health crisis this Council will convene a working group with other stakeholders, including the Department of Health, the Public Health Agency and the PSNI to consider measures to strengthen current legislation and enforcement, including the consideration of a ban on the sale of disposable vapes.</p> <p data-bbox="316 2000 1516 2033">Furthermore, the Council will ban the use of vapes by under 18s in all its sites and premises.”</p>

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>Proposer: Councillor Kyle</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor</p> <p>The motion calls upon the Council to convene a working group with other stakeholders to consider measures to strengthen current legislation and enforcement in relation to vaping and the ban of the use of vapes by all under 18s in all its sites and premises (which would be a new policy) – the motion should be referred in the first instance to the People and Communities Committee as it is responsible for public health issues and enforcement.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None.</p>