

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Council

### 23 November 2023

#### **Title: Motions**

Notice has been received of the following motions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting.

#### **Motion 1 signed by Councillors Cath Davis, Michelle Fox and Gary Madden**

North Tyneside welcomes the new Tobacco and Vapes Bill to create a generation which is smoke free. We as a council should be proactive and implement measures on single use vapes. The health and wellbeing are paramount concerns for North Tyneside Council.

The local economy can benefit from promoting healthier alternatives to smoking, such as smoking cessation programs and support for individuals looking to quit. It is acknowledged that the use of vapes is widely used as a smoking alternative. However, the use of single-use vapes and electronic cigarettes has surged in popularity, especially among young people. Indeed, vapes are packaged, flavoured and promoted in a way that appeals to young people.

There is growing evidence of the health risks associated with vaping, including potential long-term consequences on respiratory health;

With this in mind North Tyneside agrees the following measures to be considered:

- a. provide resources to public awareness campaigns, highlighting the health risks associated with vaping and the importance of smoking cessation programs.
- b. campaign to promote the negative impacts of vaping in schools and resource programmes specifically targeted at young people under 18 to reduce numbers using vapes
- c. Support research initiatives to better understand the long-term health effects of vaping and its impact on our community.

- d. promote responsible disposal practices for vaping products, including designated collection points to reduce litter and environmental pollution.

We believe that by taking these actions, we can help to protect the health of our residents, reduce the environmental impact of single-use vapes, and promote a safer and more sustainable North Tyneside for all.

**Legal and Financial implications in relation to this Motion will be circulated prior to the meeting.**

**Motion 2 signed by Councillors Ian McAlpine, Chris Johnston, Lewis Bartoli**

North Tyneside Council:

- Recognises the importance of small businesses to our local economy and the pressure they are under due to the rising cost of living caused by the war in Ukraine.
- Acknowledges some of the great work that already goes on to encourage residents to shop locally, including the Shop NT project run by the authority and other projects run by the North of Tyne Combined authority through the government's shared prosperity fund.
- Encourages as many residents as possible to shop locally this Christmas, because we know when we support local businesses money is reinvested into our local economy, making our area an even better place to live
- Asks the Mayor to introduce 2-hours of free parking in our town centres for the duration of December, encouraging more visitors to our outstanding small businesses. The scheme should allow all council-run town centre parking to have a 2-hour no return option while also protecting the option to pay for longer for those who use our car parks regularly. Council believes this would deliver a well needed boost to our small businesses.

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### **Motion 3 signed by Councillors John Johnsson, Olly Scargill, Liam Bones**

The recent spike in dangerous dog attacks by the so called XL Bully breed, including attacks in North Tyneside, has been shocking. Council welcomes the efforts of responsible dog owners who train their dogs properly resulting in well behaved dogs which offer companionship and enhance our communities.

North Tyneside Council:

- Welcomes the Government's decision to add the XL Bully type to the list of dogs prohibited under the Dangerous Dogs Act. Meaning that from 1 February it will become illegal to own an XL Bully dog if it is not registered on the Index of Exempted Dogs.
- Asks the Mayor to work with Housing to establish any policy areas in relation council housing tenancies that could be tightened to ensure a more robust stance on ownership of dogs where they are found to play in a part in anti-social behaviour.

**Legal and Financial implications in relation to this Motion will be circulated prior to the meeting.**