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**THIS PAPER RELATES TO
ITEM 17
ON THE AGENDA**

Motion to Clackmannanshire Council Meeting 10th August 2023

Disposable Vapes

The Council is asked to note in terms of the findings by ASH Scotland that:

- between January 2021 and April 2022 there was an 18-fold increase in the use of disposable vapes in the UK, and that on average 1.3 million disposable vapes are thrown away each week in terms of the findings of ASH Scotland;

- a single disposable vape can last for "600 puffs" which is the equivalent of smoking a pack of 20 cigarettes;

- vaping involves highly-addictive nicotine which, is particularly harmful to health for children and young people, with long-term health impacts of many of the other chemicals contained in vapes unknown.

The Council is asked to further note a December 2022 report by Keep Scotland Beautiful identified significant public concerns around littering, with plastic pollution and potential leakage of toxic chemicals from discarded vapes adversely impacting our communities and the local environment.

In light of these findings, Council agrees:

- to write to the Scottish Government expressing our support for the introduction of a nationwide ban on the sale of disposable vapes;

- that the above information informs our response to the ongoing Evidence Review on the Impact of Single Use Vapes conducted by Zero Waste Scotland;

- to support communication campaigns promoted by relevant partners and stakeholders, such as NHS Forth Valley, ASH Scotland, and Keep Scotland Beautiful, that highlight the public health and environmental impacts of disposable vapes;

- to promote the work of Trading Standards in preventing the sale of e-cigarettes and vapes to those aged under 18.



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