



**Smokefree
Councillor
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Sent by ASH on behalf of members of the Smokefree Councillor Network and other local elected members

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Dear Prime Minister

RE: Tobacco and Vapes Bill

As councillors who support your vision for a smokefree generation we wish to urgently raise our concerns that the proposed Tobacco and Vaping Bill has not yet had first reading. Time is tight for the legislation to proceed in this Parliament and we cannot afford to wait to protect the health of children.

Councils are the stewards of local public health, and we see the impact that smoking has on our communities. Smoking is the biggest cause of cancer and death in the UK and two in three people who smoke will die from a smoking-related illness, with countless more left suffering from disability and disease.

We know that the proposals in the Bill are popular with our communities who want to see the next generation protected from smoking and to see vaping appropriately regulated to prevent teen use while allowing adult smokers to switch.

We urge you to publish the Bill for first reading without delay.

Yours sincerely

Full Name	Position in the Council	Council	Political Party
Cllr David Hare	Executive Lead, Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services	Wokingham Borough	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Lucia das Neves	Cabinet member for health social care and wellbeing	LB Haringey	Labour
Cllr Jackie Ramsay	Lead Member for Health and Adult Social Care	Kirklees Council	Labour

Cllr Matthew Golby	Cabinet member for Public Health & Adult Social Care	West Northamptonshire Council	Conservative
Cllr Jim Dickson	Cabinet Member Healthier Communities	LB Lambeth	Labour
Cllr Debbie Andre	Cabinet Member for Public Health	Isle of Wight	Independent
Cllr Gary Haley	Lead Member for Children and Young People	Gateshead	Labour
Cllr Ellen Nicholson	Borough Councillor	Woking	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Nathan Ley	Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities and Community Safety	Oxfordshire County Council	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Richard Burton	Portfolio holder for Children and Young People	BCP	Liberal Democrats
Cllr Lorna Fielker	Leader	Southampton City Council	Labour
Cllr Megan Wright	Executive member for Health	Bracknell Forest.	Labour
Cllr Henry Wheeler	Portfolio Holder Lifestyles Health & Wellbeing	Gedling	Labour
Cllr Cheryl Barnard	Portfolio holder for Childre, Young People and Education	Nottingham City Coucil	Labour
Cllr Hannah McKerchar	Elected Member for Denby Dale Ward	Kirklees	Labour
Cllr Bob Webb	Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education	City of York	Labour and Cooperative
Cllr Evelyn Akoto	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Southwark	Labour
Cllr Chris Kennedy	Cabinet Member for Health	Hackney	Labour
Cllr Mark Nuti	Cabinet Member for Health	Surrey County Council	Conservative
Cllr Tim Swift	Deputy Leader and Lead for Public Health	Calderdale MBC	Labour
Cllr Anne Marie Finn	Cabinet member for Adults and Health, ward councillor for Portswood	Southampton City	Labour
Cllr Harry McCarthy	Councillor for Colne Valley	Kirklees	Labour and Co-operative Party

Cllr Catherine Scott	Councillor	Kirklees	Labour
Cllr Anna Wright	Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care	London Borough of Camden	Labour
Cllr Richard Clewer	Leader	Wiltshire Council	Conservative
Cllr Robert Lanzer	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing	West Sussex County Council	Conservative
Cllr Margaret Isherwood	Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	Wakefield M.D.C	Labour
Cllr Lynne Caffrey	Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board	Gateshead	Labour
Cllr Iftakhar Ahmed	Councillor	Slough Borough Council	Conservative
Cllr Maureen McLaughlin	Cabinet member for Public Health and Wellbeing	Warrington Borough Council	Labour and Co-Operative
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Cabinet Member for Public Health, Leisure, Libraries and Operational Assets	Wiltshire	Conservative
Cllr Linda Chambers	Cabinet Members for Adult Services and Public Health	Hull City Council	Lib Dem
Cllr Peter McCabe	Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care	Merton	Labour
Cllr Alev Cazimoglu	Cabinet member, Health & Adult Social Care, Public Health	London Borough Enfield	Labour
Cllr Karen Grinsell	Deputy Leader	Solihull	Conservative
Cllr Paul Bell	Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care	Lewisham	Labour Party
Cllr Nurullah Turan	Executive Member for Health and Social Care	Islington	Labour