

POLICY TITLE

VAPING POLICY

REVISION DATE

September 2022 (or before if a change in the law)

REPLACES POLICY

NEW POLICY

POLICY AIM

This Policy sets out Skegness Town Council's position on Vaping in Buildings, on Council owned land, in Council owned vehicles and use by employees in working hours.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Generally, vaping is seen as a lower risk alternative to smoking and can be effective in helping smokers quit. However, recent emerging medical questions and research is now identifying vaping as a possible source of future medical problems.

Regulation of vaping has been introduced by the EU and this controls both the devices and the legal content of the liquid.

Whilst vaping is a considered lower risk than smoking, it is not risk free. In confined areas it can be an irritant for asthma sufferers or those with other breathing difficulties. It also poses similar distraction risks to smoking when driving or operating machinery.

There are concerns that there could be an uptake of vaping by younger people if it is promoted or becomes a trend. It may also lead to people who have previously quit smoking to be reintroduced to nicotine.

This policy sets out the Council's position which aims to give protection to the general public and ensure the Health and Safety of staff whilst undertaking Council duties.

POLICY STATEMENT

The following shall apply:-

Council owned buildings: -

No vaping or smoking shall be allowed in

Council owned controlled land/ (i.e. fenced area with restricted access marquees):-

No vaping or smoking shall be allowed within the controlled areas

Children's play grounds

No vaping or smoking shall be allowed within play areas

Council owned public open space:-

No restrictions as impossible to enforce

Council vehicles

No vaping or smoking shall be allowed

Council staff

No vaping or smoking shall be allowed whilst working. Staff shall comply with the other restrictions listed here during breaks. No external facilities shall be provided for smokers or vapers.

Signage

Every area under control shall have clear signage separately showing prohibition of smoking and vaping as distinct.

IMPLEMENTATION

Signage will be in place by 31st March 2020.

MONITORING

The policy will be monitored in the following ways:

MONITORING ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Incidents, complaints and resolutions will be reported to the Management Committee	Town Clerk

POLICY CONSULTATION

None

POLICY APPROVAL

Management Committee 18/09/2019

RELATED POLICIES & STRATEGIES

HR Policies
H&S Policies and risk assessments