

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Democratic Services Committee</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>9 December, 2014</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>E-cigarettes</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>Promote a discussion on the appropriate use of e-cigarettes by Elected Members</b>
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1. As the Committee is aware, with the arrival of the 2007 Anti-smoke legislation, smoking in public places became prohibited, including within the workplace.

The guidelines provided with the anti-smoke 2007 Legislation note as follows: *“The effect of the new legislation means that you, your staff, your customers and visitors will not be able to smoke within the confines of your business or establishment, if they are ‘confined’ or ‘substantially confined’.*

2. A policy was developed by the Council in accordance with the Legislation, and the policy was adapted recently (December 2013) due to the increase of e-cigarettes. The current policy for Council staff reads as following

*“Smoking is prohibited with in the premises or vicinity. For example, smoking is prohibited by the Council’s entrances, windows or buildings or any other area directly outside, where smoke could affect other workers or create a negative effect on the Council. This Policy is applicable to all Council Staff. This also includes the use of e-cigarettes”.*

3. However, the policy does not cover Elected Members. It is believed to be timely, in light of the introduction of web-casting and the general increase in the use of e-cigarettes, to discuss the use of where the use of e-cigarettes may be considered appropriate (or not) by Elected Members. A straw-poll at the recent web-casting training identified a significant majority in favour of such a ban.
4. The Committee is invited to consider whether it wants the council to adopt a policy statement extending the ban on the use of e-cigarettes in Council premises and their vicinity to elected members.