

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

1. Please supply me with a copy of your council's policy on the use of e-cigarettes on council premises. This includes all council owned or leased buildings (for example, libraries, offices, museums), council owned or leased property (for example, parks, gardens, and other areas that form part of the grounds of council offices), and vehicles (for example, council owned or leased cars and vans).

Please see attached Tendring District Council's No Smoking Policy.

2. Please inform me if staff are required to leave their place of work (for example, their desk or vehicle) to vape.

Staff are required to leave their place of work to vape.

3. Please inform me if staff and visitors have to leave the grounds of council owned or leased property to vape.

Staff are required to leave the grounds of Council owned or leased property to vape.

4. Please inform me if staff and visitors are required to use designated smoking areas on council owned or leased property in order to vape.

There are no designated smoking areas on Council owned or leased properties.

5. Please inform me if your council's policy on the use of e-cigarettes differs in any way from your council's existing policy on smoking. If it does, please explain the differences.

The Council's policy on the use of e-cigarettes is exactly the same as our existing policy.

6. Please detail your council's policy, if there is one, for staff smoking cessation and also if you encourage your staff to use e-cigarettes as a means of smoking cessation.

Staff smoking cessation is in the no smoking policy, we encourage staff to give up smoking altogether rather than use another form.

7. Please inform me when your policy on the use of e-cigarettes was last reviewed, if it is under review, and/or if it is due to be under review in the near future.

The policy was last reviewed in February 2014, it is in the process of being updated.

8. The Government's Tobacco Control Plan explicitly states that "Public Health England has produced guidance for employers and organisations looking to introduce policies around e-cigarettes and vaping in public and recommend such policies to be evidence based. PHE recommends that e-cigarette use is not covered by smokefree

legislation and should not be routinely included in the requirements of an organisation's smokefree policy". If the council has not reviewed its policy since the publication of this control plan, does it have any plans to do so in the future?

Yes, this is currently being updated.

9. Are councillors due to debate/discuss the Government's Tobacco Control Plan and/or Public Health England's advice on vaping policies?

Councillors do not debate but comment and agree to adopt the Council's policies.