

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORE SERVICES

TITLE: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (OSC) TASK AND FINISH GROUP (TFG) REPORT ON VAPING

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	20th March 2024
Cabinet Member Portfolio	N/A
Key Decision	No
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To report to Cabinet the findings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) from the investigations undertaken on its behalf by the Vaping Task & Finish Group (TFG).

Council Plan priority

Healthy Barnsley

Recommendations

- 1. An evaluation is undertaken of the effectiveness of work on having smoke-free sites**
- 2. A session should be undertaken with Barnsley Alliance and Public Health officers to look at the prevalence of vaping, its impact on local schools and young people, and different ways schools are tackling the issue**
- 3. Enforcement activity is carried out as frequently as possible regarding trade in illicit tobacco and vaping products**
- 4. The TFG write to MPs to lobby for additional resources for Trading Standards and enforcement activity, particularly given the upcoming new smoking/vaping legislation**
- 5. Public Health analyse the findings of the Youth Council research into young people and vaping**
- 6. Work should be undertaken to better highlight the impact of vaping on oral health**
- 7. Detailed evaluation is undertaken of the ‘Swap To Stop’ scheme pilot**

8. **Respiratory nurses from Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHNFT) to be stakeholders on the Tobacco Control Alliance**
9. **The OSC consider Vaping on their work programme in 2 years' time once new legislation is in place**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of its work programme the OSC agreed to undertake a TFG investigation into Vaping. Members had become increasingly concerned regarding the numbers of adults and young people vaping in the Borough. This included concerns regarding the health impact on individuals, the vast availability of vapes in shops as well as illicit vapes, the marketing of vapes at young people in terms of bright packing and flavours and the impact on the environment, particularly with the prevalent use of single use vapes.
- 1.2 Vaping is the use of electronic devices that produce a vapour with or without nicotine and other flavourings, which is then inhaled. Vaping has become particularly popular over recent years and was often used as a way to quit smoking. However, it is increasingly attracting people who have never smoked, especially young people. As the group's investigation commenced in Autumn 2023, the national government were at a pivotal point in terms of announcements regarding 'creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping', including launching a consultation on various proposals. Therefore, the group were mindful of this as they undertook their work.
- 1.3 The TFG sought to better understand the various aspects to this work, in particular the numerous health perspectives, work being undertaken to tackle illicit vapes, as well as hearing from young people. The group made note of aspects of the environmental impact but did not focus on this area given government announcements planning to ban the use of single use vapes. As a result of the investigation, the group have highlighted a number of recommendations in support of further improvement, the rationale for which is outlined in section 6 of this report.
- 1.4 The members of the TFG who undertook this investigation are as follows: Cllrs Will Fielding (TFG Lead Member), Jeff Ennis, Joe Hayward, Abi Moore, Sarah Tattersall, Neil Wright and Co-opted Member Dani Vettors, Engagement Officer for Healthwatch Barnsley. The group specifically co-opted Dani as she has done a lot of work with local young people including via TransBarnsley and Chilypep as well as been part of regional oral health work.

2. SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION & SUBSEQUENT FINDINGS

What the Task & Finish Group Looked At

- 2.1 Initially the TFG met to consider the scope of the investigation. The group shared their concerns regarding vaping, particularly the impact on young people. The group noted the exponential growth in the amount of people vaping in recent years and the evidence of this in terms of waste/littering. The scoping meeting also gave the group opportunity to discuss their concerns with the Council's Senior Public Health Officer who leads on smoking/vaping and hear about the latest initiatives and developments,

locally, regionally and nationally.

2.2 The group agreed to hold a series of meetings on the topics raised as well as arrange a site visit to Barnsley College to hear about their initiatives. The College is a smoke-free site and also has a number of things in place to support students with their health and wellbeing. The group also hoped to hear directly from local young people. Unfortunately, the College had to cancel the visit at short notice and were unable to reschedule in the timescales the TFG were working to. The TFG undertook a number of 'check and challenge' sessions with officers and partner agencies regarding the work being carried out, future plans and key challenges. This involved asking questions of them regarding their work, their involvement and the impact of this on the borough and its residents. The TFG also received results from a survey Barnsley Youth Council had undertaken to find out more about the views of local young people regarding vaping. Additionally, the TFG received a written briefing from a local NHS England (NHSE) Consultant in Dental Public Health on oral health and vaping. This series of meetings included:

- Meeting with the Senior Public Health Officer for smoking/vaping, the Senior Public Health Officer for the Children and Young People Team and the Public Health Officer for Health Improvement to get an overview of the public health perspective on vaping and current initiatives in place.
- Meeting with the Council's Head of Regulatory Services, Service Manager for Regulatory Services and Student Trading Standards Officer alongside Public Health colleagues to hear about the work being done to tackle illicit vapes.
- Meeting with officers and managers from South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's (SWYPFT's) Stop Smoking Service (SSS) including the Service Manager for Yorkshire Smokefree Barnsley, Senior Service Development and Contracting Manager, a Senior SSS Advisor and the SSS Advisor for the North Area of Barnsley to hear about the SSS and the upcoming pilot of the 'Swap to Stop' scheme.
- Meeting with nurses from Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHNFT) including the Matron for Respiratory and Cardiology, the Respiratory Clinical Nurse Specialist and an Asthma Specialist Nurse to learn about vaping from a respiratory clinical perspective and what they are seeing in terms of Barnsley patients currently.
- Finally, meeting with the Council's Executive Director of Public Health and Communities and Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities to discuss the group's findings and recommendations.

What the Task and Finish Group Found

2.3 During the first meeting of the group, Public Health officers gave the TFG an overview of the current local and national picture in terms of policies and legislation. In terms of data, according to Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), e-cigarette users have grown from around 700,000 in 2012 to 4.7 million in 2023. Most children and young people do not smoke or vape; however, in 2023, 20.5% had tried vaping, compared to 15.8% in 2022. The current National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance advocates for the use of nicotine-containing e-cigarettes (vapes) if they are used temporarily to assist someone with stopping smoking. However, a growing number of individuals who have never smoked have taken up the habit of vaping, particularly young people, which is of great concern to the TFG.

- 2.4 In September 2023, the government announced imminent plans to ban disposable vapes and those with flavours designed to appeal to children. The group welcomed this announcement alongside officers. However, they raised concerns that this could have a negative impact on the illicit market, with the likelihood of seeing an increase in illegal products. Officers advised members that work was already underway by Regulatory Services to identify and deal with relevant activity as appropriate. Officers also highlighted that with the nicotine in vapes being highly addictive, it was also likely that there would be increased demand on cessation support services, which they would be mindful of.
- 2.5 In October 2023, the Government's Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) published the findings of a call for evidence they had undertaken regarding youth vaping. This looked to identify opportunities to reduce the number of children accessing and using vape products, while ensuring they are still easily available as a quit aid for adult smokers. The TFG welcomed the findings of the call for evidence, which it hoped would be utilised in government legislation to address some of the concerns such as the appeal of vapes to attract young children, the role of social media and advertising, and the negative impact of vapes on the environment.
- 2.6 Following previous announcements, in October 2023, the Government also launched a consultation on 'creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping', with plans that children turning 14 in 2023 will never be able to be legally sold cigarettes to prevent them and future generations from ever taking up smoking. It could mean that upto 1.7 million fewer people smoke by 2075 and has the potential to avoid upto 115,000 cases of strokes, heart disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases. Alongside this, there were also plans to provide local authorities funding for SSSs, running awareness campaigns and to undertake enforcement action. The TFG again welcomed these announcements and agreed to respond to the consultation individually so that they could reflect their individual communities. Local organisations including the Council also provided responses to the consultation.
- 2.7 In terms of the environmental impact of vapes, it is estimated that 1.3 million disposable vapes are thrown away every week in the UK which is equivalent to covering 22 football pitches. Given the recent government announcements to ban single use vapes, the group did not pursue work in this area in detail. However, following questioning, Public Health officers assured the TFG that they were working closely with colleagues in waste management to consider the impact vape litter has locally, particular in hot spots around schools and colleges, as well as the fire risk of vapes as part of waste collection and disposal. The TFG welcomed work in this area and that this was being mindful of national announcements so as to avoid unnecessary use of resources.
- 2.8 In relation to wider concerns regarding smoking/vaping, officers highlighted data showing smoking prevalence in Barnsley for adults with long-term mental health conditions is 43.7% per 100k population. The group noted how by tackling smoking effectively would help to lift thousands of households out of poverty, improve quality of life, save billions for the NHS and help to reduce crime by reducing the demand for illicit smoking products. The Public Health officers outlined the structure of how work is undertaken locally via a Tobacco Control Alliance made up of local partner agencies, which the TFG welcomed. The TFG sought reassurance regarding the work of the Alliance and were advised of a number of initiatives in place as well as the effective

team working of those involved.

- 2.9 Recent examples of work undertaken with partners included a large communications campaign to highlight the facts around vaping and e-cigarettes which included production of a leaflet for parents and carers as well as posters being put up in places where young people go, including Barnsley central bus station. Work was being done to create an easy read version of the leaflet for those with learning difficulties and where English is an additional language. Considerations were also being made regarding local services, such as having longer appointments in the SSS for those with protected characteristics who may need additional time to access support. Work had also been undertaken to make schools smoke-free sites, including relevant signage being placed in the vicinity. The TFG questioned officers on the impact of this and officers agreed that an evaluation ought to be undertaken.
- 2.10 The TFG supported the work to make smoking/vaping invisible, however challenged officers on the prevalence of vaping shops and products available in the town centre, as well as publicity by local businesses showing lots of young people vaping on nights out. Officers highlighted the difficulties in objecting to such premises as currently there are no laws to support this. Officers advised that any businesses seen to be promoting vaping on social media would be reported to Trading Standards colleagues who could pick this up with them. The TFG thanked the Public Health officers for all they were doing, particularly given the challenges of the ever-changing circumstances in which they were operating with limited resources.
- 2.11 The following meeting of the TFG involved hearing from those working in Trading Standards which forms part of the Council's Regulatory Services, regarding their role in smoking/vaping products. Officers gave the group an overview of their work such as ensuring consumer protection, business compliance, seizing non-compliant products as well as undertaking prosecutions. The group welcomed work undertaken by officers to seize illegal products and secure prosecutions, whilst appreciating the challenges officers faced in terms of low penalties administered by courts and the high cost of safely disposing of the vapes they seize.
- 2.12 Despite challenging resources, officers had provided support to businesses so they know what is expected in terms of vape sales. Officers highlighted the need for additional resources from the government when new legislation is introduced so that they can support local business to comply, as well as increase enforcement activity as the trade in illicit vapes is likely to increase. Work was being undertaken with colleagues in the region to look at projects and drawing down funding, alongside working with National Trading Standards. The TFG were reassured by the evidence of good team-working to maximise the service's impact. The session gave the group opportunity to look at some illicit vapes which had been seized, so they gained a better understanding of different products and the ways in which they were unsafe.



- 2.13 The TFG questioned officers on the legalities around vape shops branching out and selling sweets due to concerns they had with this being used to attract young people. The officers highlighted that although this practice was not against the law, they had warned a number of premises that they would keep a watching brief on their activity and would take action if they became aware of underage vape sales. The group were reassured by all the work being undertaken whilst being mindful of the impact the upcoming legislative changes may have on the team and thanked them for all the hard work they continue to do despite many challenges.
- 2.14 During the investigation, the group became aware of research undertaken by the Youth Council amongst local young people to find out more about the prevalence of vaping and the attitudes of young people towards it. A number of focus groups were held in schools across the borough, asking young people why they think young people vape, whether they are aware of the damage caused by vaping, and to find out why young people enjoy vaping. Full analysis of the findings has not yet been undertaken, but some recurrent comments were that young people are aware of the dangers and damage to their lungs, but there was a lot of peer pressure to vape as it is considered as being 'cool'. The group were concerned by the findings and are keen for officers to analyse them in detail in order to consider how best to get messages out to young people to stop them/prevent them vaping, without inadvertently promoting it.
- 2.15 A key area which the group felt is less well known and publicised is the impact of vaping on oral health. The group received a written briefing by the Yorkshire and the Humber Dental Public Health Team which is part of NHS England. The briefing outlines current research regarding vaping, the harmful contents of them, existing evidence of vaping and oral health, mentioning possible associations with tooth decay, gum disease, oral cancer, tooth discolouration and erosion and changes to the inside of the mouth. The briefing paper concludes that vaping is likely to damage oral health, but the extent and severity of the damage are unknown due to the lack of long-term studies, as vaping has only been around relatively recently. Research highlights the benefits for smokers who switch to e-cigarettes/vapes for their general and oral health; however, that non-smokers should avoid vaping altogether.
- 2.16 The next meeting of the group involved hearing from SWYPFT who provide Barnsley's SSS. Officers gave an overview of the services they provide to help local people quit smoking. This involves a 12-week support programme which provides nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) alongside behavioural support. The service is provided face to face, over the phone, in community settings or online. The officers also work to train other professionals to be advisors and run their own clinics in the community to encourage service users to quit smoking. The TFG were delighted to hear that Barnsley's SSS is the best performing in the Yorkshire and Humber region, and second in the UK in terms of their quit rates. The advisor model used in Barnsley where officers are based in communities and attend various venues is due to be replicated at other SSSs across the country. This model enables workers to become well known in communities and trusted by local people, rather than previous models where service users have been required to attend a central location and have been apprehensive regarding being seen by someone they feel may be judgemental.
- 2.17 Further to the government announcement regarding a 'Swap To Stop' scheme where individuals attending a SSS will be offered vapes as another NRT option in order to quit smoking, Barnsley is piloting the programme from 1st February 2024. Service

users will still be offered behavioural support alongside the vaping products. However, the programme is still designed to help them to quit and not just replace smoking for vaping. The group acknowledge the pilot will offer additional options for NRT which may attract those who otherwise would not attempt to give up smoking. However, Members are keen to ensure that the pilot is evaluated, in particular to ensure that the service does not begin to find that clients are remaining on vapes permanently.

- 2.18 The penultimate meeting of the group was with nurses from BHNFT's respiratory service. They provided the TFG with an overview of their work and services, and the negative impact that smoking/vaping has on their patients, such as asthma sufferers. The nurses concurred with other information the group had received that currently there is limited data and research regarding the long-term impacts of vaping. Current research shows that vaping is less harmful than smoking and the nurses accepted that there may be a place for vaping as a smoking cessation tool, but this should be with proper support in place to make sure individuals do not just swap one habit for another. The nurses highlighted that, like with smoking, it is going to take decades for the true health impacts to be researched, and that initially, it will be regarding the impact of legal vapes and not those which are illicit and more likely to be increasingly harmful and contain additional chemicals. Ultimately, lungs only like to breath in fresh air, therefore, any other chemicals going into the lungs, whether this is from smoking/vaping products or polluted air risks causing damage or harm.
- 2.19 The TFG questioned the nurses regarding the local prevalence of vaping and any impacts they are seeing in their clinics. The nurses highlighted that recording whether patients vape is relatively recent practice, therefore, there is currently not much accurate data in terms of the prevalence of vaping amongst local patients. The nurses provided the limited data they had available alongside some research they had helpfully undertaken of their own with other professionals in the hospital to consider attitudes to vaping. In general, other clinicians from across the hospital felt that vaping is safer than smoking, however, were sceptical about the long-term effects which are currently unknown and would be reluctant to recommend their use. As with TFG members, there was concern over the targeted advertising at young people and felt that this should have been stopped years ago. The group noted the important role the nurses had in terms of being early identifiers of the impacts of vaping which will become evident to them, albeit anecdotal initially. Therefore, the group were keen that they are linked in with the work of the Tobacco Control Alliance and can contribute to and influence this work.
- 2.20 The final meeting of the group provided opportunity to reflect on the findings and recommendations of the group with the Executive Director and Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, which was welcomed. The TFG complimented the various services they had worked with and received information from as part of this investigation. The group acknowledged that there is a changing landscape with regards to vaping in terms of national announcements and incoming legislation which impacts on the work required locally. The group are also cognisant that as further research is undertaken, new findings will emerge which they are keen for officers to reflect in policies and practice. During the investigation, the group highlighted suggestions to contribute to existing action plans. In addition, a number of key recommendations were identified by the group and are reflected in section 6 of this report.

2.21 The TFG would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who provided information, attended meetings and assisted with the TFG's investigation; it is much appreciated. Particular thanks are given to Dani Veters for assisting the group with their investigation as a co-optee.

3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

There are no specific financial implications or risks associated with the report, although in responding to the recommendations in the report, the financial and risk implications of these would need to be fully assessed by the appropriate services responding. Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Director of Finance (S151 Officer).

3.2 Legal

There are no specific legal implications, although in responding to the recommendations in the report, the legal implications of these would need to be fully assessed by the appropriate services responding. Consultations have taken place with the Service Director for Law & Governance.

3.3 Equality

The TFG is keen to ensure that all Council operations and activities are considerate of the needs of all its communities. As highlighted in the report, the group welcome service considerations to make sure that information is understandable to all communities, including making information available in easy read formats for those with learning difficulties or where English is an additional language. The group also welcome considerations regarding appointment durations as part of SSSs for those with additional needs who may need more time to discuss their concerns and receive support.

3.4 Sustainability

As this report does not require a decision, the sustainability decision-making wheel has not been included.

3.5 Employee

There are no specific employee implications, although in responding to the recommendations in the report, the employee implications of these would need to be fully assessed by the appropriate services responding.

3.6 Communications

As highlighted in the findings and recommendations of the investigation, the TFG are keen to expand communications activities in relation to vaping, particularly amongst young people, whilst being mindful that this doesn't inadvertently become a way of encouraging risk-taking behaviour by exposing young people to additional information. The group are also keen that communication activity regarding vaping is kept up to

date and is mindful of any advances in research. The TFG are particularly mindful of the impact of vaping on young people and are keen to ensure that intelligence and best practice is shared amongst key stakeholders, including between schools.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultations have taken place with: Vaping TFG members, OSC members, the Council's Cabinet Members, Council officers from the Public Health Directorate which includes Regulatory Services, Officers from the Council's Youth Service, NHSE's Consultant in Dental Public Health, Officers from SWYPFT's SSS, representatives from BHNFT's Respiratory Service and the Council's Senior Management Team.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 No alternative options have been considered in the writing of this report.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Overview and Scrutiny is a statutory function in local government to enable Councillors to provide 'critical friend' challenge of local services and make recommendations to drive improvements.

- 6.2 The recommendations in this report are made as a result of the OSC's Vaping TFG undertaking a detailed investigation into work surrounding how the Council and local partners are addressing the prevalence of smoking/vaping. The TFG were reassured by the amount of work being done in this area and noted the challenging circumstances officers are operating in, in terms of limited resources and frequent announcements from the Government which is changing the landscape. Fortunately, the government announcements have been in-line with what the group would like to see in terms of banning single use vapes and removing flavours targeted specifically at young people. During the investigation, TFG members were able to complete the consultation on the Government's proposed smoke-free generation legislation and have made the following recommendations in order to support the continual improvement of services.

6.3 **Recommendation 1: An evaluation is undertaken of the effectiveness of work on having smoke-free sites**

As highlighted in the findings of the group, work has been undertaken around local schools to make them smoke-free sites, which has included placing signage in the vicinity and encouraging people not to smoke or vape. This is a positive initiative; however, it is not known if it is effective and whether it is worth the officer time and investment in signage to continue with this scheme. Therefore, the TFG recommends an evaluation is undertaken to determine whether improvements could be made, or a different approach is required.

6.4 **Recommendation 2: A session should be undertaken with Barnsley Alliance and Public Health officers to look at the prevalence of vaping, its impact on local schools and young people, and different ways schools are tackling the issue**

Throughout the investigation, one of the TFG's key concerns is the number of young people who are vaping and the impact this is having on their health and education. The TFG advocate holding this session so that intelligence and good practice can be shared between organisations and any further actions identified.

- 6.5 **Recommendation 3: Enforcement activity is carried out as frequently as possible regarding trade in illicit tobacco and vaping products**
The group have particular concerns regarding the use of illicit products, with these being especially harmful to the local population due to additional and harmful chemicals being contained in them. The group appreciate the challenge of resources and disposing of seized products and are willing to provide support in lobbying government where possible.
- 6.6 **Recommendation 4: The TFG write to MPs to lobby for additional resources for Trading Standards and enforcement activity, particularly given the upcoming new smoking/vaping legislation**
Throughout the investigation, the group heard of the particular concerns regarding illicit smoking and vaping products and the harm these cause. Given the upcoming legislation which is likely to see an increase in illicit tobacco products, the group are keen to ensure that resources are available to combat this criminal activity.
- 6.7 **Recommendation 5: Public Health analyse the findings of the Youth Council research into young people and vaping**
As noted in the report, Members are keen for the research undertaken by the Youth Council to be analysed, with the outcome of using this information to communicate with local young people. This would be both regarding the harms of vaping, as well as changing the culture of them being viewed as 'cool'. The group are also mindful of the challenge of communicating with young people regarding vaping whilst avoiding being seen to provide further promotion of it.
- 6.8 **Recommendation 6: Work should be undertaken to better highlight the impact of vaping on oral health**
The TFG are aware of the limitations of current data/studies in terms of the long-term effects of vaping on health. However, the group are mindful that oral health is an area that is not spoken about frequently in terms of vaping, such as the possible role of vapes in the development of tooth decay and gum disease. The group are keen that this may be a particular focus to explore with young people who may be discouraged from taking up vaping due to the negative impact it could have on their appearance.
- 6.9 **Recommendation 7: Detailed evaluation is undertaken of the 'Swap To Stop' scheme pilot**
The group acknowledge the good performance of the local SSS and hope that the pilot scheme helps additional individuals to give up smoking. However, given the prevalence of vapes, the group are keen to ensure that the use of vapes as a NRT does not result in people not quitting, but remaining as long-term vape users.
- 6.10 **Recommendation 8: Respiratory nurses from BHNFT to be stakeholders on the Tobacco Control Alliance**
The TFG welcomed the knowledge gained from BHNFT's respiratory nurses, in particular highlighting the importance of their front-line position in terms of being early identifiers of any trends or impacts of vaping on patients. The nurses had undertaken their own research at the hospital, which could be a useful tool as part of the work of the Tobacco Control Alliance in future.
- 6.11 **Recommendation 9: The OSC consider Vaping on their work programme in 2 years' time once new legislation is in place**

As noted in the report, the group are mindful that work and policies regarding vaping will change over the coming years due to legislation and ongoing research. Therefore, recommend that Members receive an update and provide critical friend challenge of work as it progresses and reflect what is happening in their local communities.

7. GLOSSARY

ASH	Action on Smoking and Health
BHNFT	Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
BMBC	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
NHSE	NHS England
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NRT	Nicotine Replacement Therapy
OHID	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
OSC	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
SSS	Stop Smoking Service
SWYPFT	South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
TFG	Task and Finish Group

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

There are no appendices for this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) – Use of vapes amongst adults in Great Britain (2023):

[https://ash.org.uk/uploads/Use-of-e-cigarettes-among-adults-in-Great-Britain-2023.pdf?v=1691058248#:~:text=The%20number%20of%20e%2Dcigarette,see%20Appendix%201%20for%20methodology\).&text=There%20are%20differences%20in%20vaping,of%20those%20classified%20as%20ABC1.](https://ash.org.uk/uploads/Use-of-e-cigarettes-among-adults-in-Great-Britain-2023.pdf?v=1691058248#:~:text=The%20number%20of%20e%2Dcigarette,see%20Appendix%201%20for%20methodology).&text=There%20are%20differences%20in%20vaping,of%20those%20classified%20as%20ABC1.)

Youth Vaping – call for evidence analysis (2023):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/youth-vaping-call-for-evidence/outcome/youth-vaping-call-for-evidence-analysis#overview-of-responses>

Consultation outcome - Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping: your views (2024):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-smokefree-generation-and-tackling-youth-vaping/creating-a-smokefree-generation-and-tackling-youth-vaping-your-views>

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date <i>Colette Tyrell</i> <i>21/02/2024</i>
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date <i>Sukdave Ghuman</i> <i>19/02/2024</i>

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