

Shetland Islands Council – 12 May 2023
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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Council Response to Scottish Government's Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan	The Council RESOLVED to approve the response to the Scottish Government's Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2, with amended wording provided relating to a) Transport and in particular the replacement of ferries with alternative fuel vessels and where possible tunnels and b) to Fisheries and the decarbonising of our food system.
2	Notice of Motion – Ban on Single Use Vapes.	<p>The Council agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call upon the Scottish Government to implement a ban on the sale of single use vapes, on the basis of both environmental and health related concerns, particularly for children, including their highly addictive nature. • The Council recognised that the rapid rise in the sale of single use vapes has resulted in significant littering with a combination of single use plastics and small lithium batteries, which are difficult to recycle, and call for disposal points to be provided in any retail outlet selling these products. • The Council recognised the amount of use by children under the age of 18, which is illegal under current law, deplore the clear marketing of these products at younger consumers. There is evidence this use is also happening within school grounds. • With immediate effect the Council instructed its Trading Standards and Waste Services staff to ensure enforcement of existing regulations on the control of the sale, retailing and safe disposal of these products for all businesses in Shetland. • The Council will urgently implement a programme of educational resources to be rolled out in schools (including upper primary) and through youth and community groups, before the end of the current school term and over the summer break, highlighting the consequences of vaping.

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