

Shisha Recommendations

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- 1) That the Committee would support a programme of education in schools on Shisha in particular around Health risks and Child protection.
- 2) That the Council explores and promotes the best, evidence-based methods of providing Shisha education to young people outside of schools.
- 3) That the Executive Member request that Public Health undertake research and provide analytical evidence on the use of Shisha by 14-24 year olds in the Borough.
- 4) That the Council look to impose a ban on under 18 year olds entering Shisha Bars.
- 5) That Members would like to see statutory requirements highlighted in the Taufiq (code of good practice), when Shisha Bar owners signed it.
- 6) That the Council continue to work with key partner stakeholders and to look into the legal possibility of introducing a Shisha Bar Licencing scheme.
- 7) That the Council's Public Health Team and Trading Standards along with appropriate colleagues, review areas where enforcement and educational activity can be combined. An example would be that, when conducting compliance duties, officers identify an opportunity to refer, educate or advise about health risks of Shisha smoking.
- 8) That the Environment portfolio lobby on behalf of the Council appropriate bodies to ensure that Shisha smoking (and Shisha bars) are covered in appropriate legislation.
- 9) That the Committee commend the Council and Officers for their effort and varied approach to tackling Shisha smoking in the Borough and the compliance of Shisha bar.
- 10) That the Council through local media and communication avenues highlight successful enforcement of Shisha smoking.
- 11) That Trading Standards investigate if appropriate the use of RIPA in tackling Shisha smoking enforcement in the Borough, were normal enforcement is not deemed safe.