

## **STOCKTON HOME SAFETY ASSOCIATION**

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday 12 March 2024.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy (Chair), Cllr John Gardner.

**Officers:** Paul Chiver, John Devine.

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Allison Lilliendahl, Andrea Gledhill and Paul Bell.

### **SHA/27/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **SHA/28/23 Minutes**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 12th December 2024.

### **SHA/29/23 Report of the Trading Standards Officer**

Officers informed members of work which had been carried out with the Police, in which Shops were searched for tobacco offenses. Two of the shops which were visited would be served closure orders following the searches with a third having failed a test purchase.

A suggested ban on disposable Vapes could be going forward nationally with it being made a possible offense to sell. But there has been progress on the banning of certain flavoured vapes which appealed to children. Suggested had also been made to force sellers to store Vapes out of sight similar to how Tobacco products are stored.

The disposal of Vapes which had been seized was also discussed, Officers explained to members that due to the built-in batteries of Vapes it is difficult to dispose of. But Stockton Council had worked with other Local Authorities to share the cost for pick up and disposal.

Members expressed an interest in Officers to pass on an update report on the issues and work done around Vaping to the Safer Stockton Partnership group or the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Members AGREED to note the update.

### **SHA/30/23 Report of the Home Safety Officer - Children's Services**

No Officer was present at the meeting, but a short update was circulated to members.

### **SHA/31/23 Report of the One Call Officer**

No Officer was present for the meeting, it was agreed that the report would be deferred until the next meeting.

**SHA/32/23 Other Business**

There was no other business brought to the attention of members.

**SHA/33/23 Work Programme**

The work programme was discussed and would be brought to the next meeting.