Notice of Motion - Rule 12

Councillor Andsersen will move that:

About the disposable Vapes

For us not to have fancy wrapping on these vapes and to ask manufacturers not to make it so appealing for the young people. In a Chartered Trading Standards Institute survey 60% of Local Trading Standards Services said High Street shops, selling illicit vapes or vaping products to children was the enforcement issue that most concerned them. It is costing us £2 million a year to dispose of these vapes, which is causing problems in the recycling centre. My proposal would be that we don't have disposable vapes, for what it is going to do in the environment. We should be looking after our environment.

Making vapes dearer, not three for ten pounds. And more to the issue of looking after the generation of young people with their health. They are saying that vaping helps their anxiety. Maybe more money should be put into helping anxiety problems with young people as it is quite a tough world out there and has been since Covid and after. Vapes should only be used as an aid to quit smoking. This is why I would like to see tougher and stricter regulations of vaping products to tackle the growing cases of children getting hold of them.

Motion

This Council calls upon the Government to:

- Regulate the supply of disposable vapes.
- Prohibit immediately wrapping which is fancy and designed to attract young people and increase the price to discourage purchases by younger people.
- Eventually prohibit the sale of disposable vapes altogether for environmental and health reasons.

Resolves to write to:

- a) The Department of Health and Social Care asking them to open the planned consultation on restricting disposable vapes as soon as possible.
- b) Local MPs to ask them to ensure the government takes action.

Councillor Linda Lashbrook will second the motion