

## **WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

### **STATEMENT OF DECISION**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET MEETING – 20 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Notice is hereby given that the Committee of the Cabinet meeting on 20 September 2006 took the following executive decisions following consideration of a report on the following matter:

#### **SMOKE FREE PREMISES AND VEHICLES**

##### **DECISIONS:**

1. That the City Council's premises and vehicles be made 'smoke-free' from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, in advance of the requirements of the Health Act 2006.
2. That a communications strategy be implemented to ensure awareness of the legislation with local businesses, key stakeholders and council staff, as well as lobbying central government should guidance not be issued in a timely manner and supporting any calls for additional provision on issues such as additional expenditure and cigarette-related litter should a case be established.
3. That the Government be lobbied over extension of ability to designate other areas not included within the 'enclosed' or 'substantially enclosed' definition, to be smoke-free, paying particular reference to those areas that may be included within the displacement of smoking from workplaces, such as licensed premises, to forecourts and pavements.
4. That the Government be lobbied to ensure that the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the Health Act 2006 are met from central Government.
5. That the officers, in consultation with key stakeholders and partners, and having regard to further legal and Government advice, report further to the Cabinet Committee with costed proposals for enforcing the legislation Citywide.
6. That the officers work in conjunction with multi-agency partners, such as through the Westminster Tobacco Control Alliance, to raise awareness of the legislation; to support a smooth implementation process; and to promote opportunities to quit smoking.

##### **Reason for Decisions**

There is no additional cost on the Council to go smoke-free in advance of the date of the legislation. However, there are multiple benefits of going smoke-free to support health improvement as well as role-model for enforcement with the broader Westminster community and business sectors. The decisions will

ensure a smooth and well-prepared response to the legislation, supporting businesses, organisations and the wider Westminster community to comply with the regulations for smoke-free premises and vehicles.

The decisions come into force on publication of this notice.

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