**Smoke free workplaces**

As of 1st October 2015 the Council’s approach to smoke free workplaces will be **extended to include the surrounding grounds of buildings** which are considered to be workplaces, including the surrounding grounds of offices, depots, schools, workshops and garages.

This is in line with the Scottish Government’s Tobacco Strategy.

The ban on smoking includes a ban on the use of e-cigarettes which also cannot be charged on Council premises due to the fire risk they present.

Smoking cessation programmes and support is available free of charge from NHS Highland: ask your local GP, pharmacist or visit their [smoke free website](http://smokefreehighland.co.uk/) for more information.

For further information please contact the Health and Safety Team.