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Dear Sir

**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT SMOKING, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (VARIATION OF AGE LIMIT FOR SALE OF TOBACCO PURCHASE AND CONSEQUENTIAL MODIFICATIONS) ORDER 2007**

East Renfrewshire Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation on the draft smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (Variation of Age Limit for Sale of Tobacco Purchase and Consequential Modifications) Order 2007 and would respond as follows:

**Q1. Do you agree that the age of purchase of tobacco products should be raised to 18 as provided for in the draft order and with the assumptions made in the partial RIA?**

East Renfrewshire Council agrees with the proposal to make it an offence to sell tobacco or cigarette papers to a person under the age of eighteen years.

**Q2. With this in mind, we would welcome views on: -**

- **issues which you think require to be addressed in preparation for the proposed change in the legal age of purchase;**

It is recommended that there is an extensive education/information campaign on the health issues particularly in relation to young people smoking. There should also be information available on free smoking cessation facilities and services.

- **the period of time required between the announcement of the change and its implementation.**

A minimum of six months should be allowed between the announcement and the implementation date.

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Yours faithfully



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cc Alan Broadley, Head of Cleansing, Parks & Protective Services  
Alison Grossart, Director's Secretary