P07-002 Smokefree Parks and Outdoor Areas Policy

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The Council as a matter of policy endorses smokefree parks and outdoor areas including playgrounds, sports grounds, walkways, shared spaces, bus stops, taxi ranks, shared public transport stops, and within four metres of doorways to public buildings.

As signs in Council-controlled parks and outdoor areas including playgrounds, sports grounds, walkways, shared spaces, bus stops, taxi stands, shared public transport stops, and within four metres of doorways to public buildings are upgraded or replaced the smoke free logo where appropriate will appear on that signage.

The Council supports the New Zealand Government's goal of a smoke free New Zealand by 2025 and encourages smoke free initiatives within all of Council business where practicable.

Note: In this policy the definition of Smokefree includes being vape free. This aligns with the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020, where all places previously designated as smokefree are now also vape free.

Reviewed five yearly.