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Dear Edward

### **Publication of National Litter and Flytipping Strategy and Zero Waste Scotland review of the environmental impact of single use vapes/e-cigarettes**

I am writing to advise the Committee that the Scottish Government's **National Litter and Flytipping Strategy** was published this morning, and is available at:  
<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781805251545>.

The Strategy sets out a refreshed approach to tackling litter and flytipping in order to protect and enhance Scotland's environment, ensure safer and cleaner communities and contribute to a thriving circular economy for Scotland. It sets out how national and local government, business, third sector, communities and individuals can work together to support behaviour change, improve infrastructure and strengthen enforcement.

The Strategy is accompanied by an action plan outlining priority activity for 2023-24. Priority measures include strengthening enforcement (including raising fixed penalty notices for flytipping to £500), support to private landowners, data collection improvements, and community engagement.

Actions will be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis over the six-year lifespan of the Strategy to ensure these are adapted to suit a changing external environment and are informed by emerging insights and wider action to accelerate Scotland's transition to a circular economy.

I also write to advise you that Zero Waste Scotland will be publishing their **report on the environmental impacts of single use vapes** on Friday, 30 June. As you will be aware, I commissioned this review in response to emerging concerns including litter, waste and risk of fires, and I expect that the Committee will be interested in the findings and next steps following publication.

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The report examines the impacts of single use vapes on the environment and considers potential policy options to tackle the issue. Following publication, the Scottish Government will consider the review, with a view to setting out a preferred way forward as part of its response.

I am happy to discuss the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy further with the Committee, and share updates on single use vapes as this work continues.

Kind regards

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