

Cllr P Gruen

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Dear Cllr Gruen,

As you may be aware during the last Council meeting a white paper on healthcare was discussed and I raised the issue, along with my question to Council which is due a written response, on the City Council's investment through the West Yorkshire Pension Fund in tobacco companies.

The Council currently has approximately £180m invested in tobacco companies in the West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF) and yet also spend Council taxpayers money on smoking prevention and stop smoking campaigns.

As part of 'Stoptober', a period of when the NHS seeks to encourage people to give up smoking, I would like to request that your Scrutiny Committee looks into the current approach to smoking by Leeds City Council, how much is currently spent on this, and if the Council will consider action and lobbying other authorities in the WYPF to assist in withdrawing out investment in tobacco firms to send a big and clear message on our commitment to smoking prevention.

Yours sincerely



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