

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 9 DECEMBER 2021

**Question to Cllr Jessel  
Cabinet Member for Health and Care**

**By Cllr Pardesi**

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**Question**

In light of the announcement of the Government's Drug Strategy, what is the evidence that confiscation of passports and driving licences will prove to be a deterrent? Who is this particular strategy aimed at when most of the vulnerable and in need of support do not even possess passports and driving licences?

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**Reply**

The Government on 06 December 2021 published *From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives*. This sets out plan to combat illegal drugs by breaking drug supply chains, delivering a world class treatment and recovery system, and achieving a shift in the demand for recreational drugs.

The Government's intention is to publish a White Paper in 2022 which will consider increased sanctions for recreational drug users such as curfews, removal of a passport or driving licence, and fines. The evidence base and likely impact of these measures is not available at this time.