

Stirling Matters - June 2021 (22nd Edition)

News from Stirling's Parliamentary Team

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### **[Comment on June 1st Covid Levels Update](#)**

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has offered comment on the recent update from First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, regarding Scotland's fight against Covid-19. Stirling, along with 12 other mainland local authorities, is set to remain in Level 2 to safeguard progress in suppressing the virus.

### **[Online Vaccine Push for Those Aged 18-29](#)**

Stirling MP Alyn Smith and Stirling MSP Evelyn Tweed have encouraged those aged 18-29 in the Stirling area to register online for their Covid-19 vaccination appointment. Those in the 18-29 age range who have not yet had their first vaccination are instead asked to register their interest online at <https://register.vacs.nhs.scot/> or by calling 0800 030 8013 by 4th June.

### **[Stirling Politicians Back Drug Law Reform](#)**

Alyn Smith MP and Evelyn Tweed MSP have expressed support for the all-party campaign to reform drugs law – including decriminalisation – and have renewed calls for immediate action on drug consumption rooms. The Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) was designed to prevent drug

use and reduce harm but since it came into effect there has been a dramatic rise in drug use, addiction and deaths in the UK.

### **Local MP Backs Stirling Dairy Sector on World Milk Day**

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has expressed his support for Stirling's industry-leading dairy sector, as businesses begin to see the green shoots of economic recovery from the pandemic. World Milk Day is an international day of celebration, established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as a global food.

### **Stirling Open for Business, says Stirling MP**

Local Stirling MP Alyn Smith has visited rural businesses across Stirling in recent days, speaking with owners and staff about their experiences of the pandemic and their plans for recovery. Tourism remains a strong component of Stirling's local economy, with warmer weather and the reduction in pandemic restrictions boosting visitor numbers to our best beauty spots.

### **Contribution to Queen's Speech Debate**

In his contribution to the Westminster debate on the recent Queen's speech, Stirling MP Alyn Smith highlighted the positive work of the Scottish Government in tackling homelessness and building more affordable homes. He urged the UK Government to be more ambitious, and learn a lesson or two on these issues from Scotland's experience.

### **Calls for Scottish Eurovision Entry**

Stirling MP Alyn Smith has called for Scotland and the UK nations to explore separate Eurovision entries, in a bid to showcase Scottish talent on the world stage. After the UK received 0 points in total in the most recent contest, flexibility by key stakeholders could see our domestic talent compete for Eurovision glory.

For further help & support, visit:

NHS Inform: COVID-19

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Scot Gov: Business Support

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

Stirling Council: Guidance

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/planning-building-the-environment/emergencies-emergency-planning/coronavirus/>