

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2019

CABINET,

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019

SINGLE USE PLASTICS ACTION PLAN

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER – COMMISSIONING

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The report is for information

I. PURPOSE

To provide an update on the single use plastics action plan from the Members Working Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. At the meeting of the Council held 24 October 2018, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Alaa Al-Yousef and seconded by Councillor Alex Postan:

“This Council resolves to work towards elimination of all avoidable plastic waste and calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment to bring forward proposals by Spring 2019 to:

- *Phase out the use of avoidable Single Use Plastics (SUPs) in all District Council premises.*
- *Work with UBICO, PUBLICA and contracted partners to end purchase and procurement of avoidable SUPs through the Council's supply chain.*
- *Incentivise traders on District Council sites to avoid SUPs as a condition of their event permission.”*

3.2. It was agreed at the meeting that a Working Party would be established to interpret the provisions of DEFRA's Resources and Waste Strategy and to make recommendations to the Cabinet on delivering a reduction in single use plastics.

3.3. The Working Group met on the 14th March to set up the scope and the timescales for the group. The focus will be to achieve the objectives set out in the Motion and to have a district wide impact. An initial action plan was developed following the meeting which included extending the invitation to staff representatives.

3.4. A further meeting was held on the 11th April with staff representatives. The initial action plan was expanded (see Appendix A). A verbal update was given at the Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee by the Group Manager.

3.5. Actions are currently in progress and a further meeting of the Working Group is potentially due to held on 13 June 2019 (tbc).

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

4.1. None

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Some of the actions within the Single Use Plastics Action Plan will have financial implications and therefore individual business cases will be produced in the future, where necessary, to seek appropriate funding.

6. RISKS

6.1. None associated with this report.

7. REASONS

7.1. Corporate aim to 'protect and enhance the environment of West Oxfordshire and maintain the district as a clean, beautiful place with low levels of crime and nuisance'.

7.2. Reducing the Council's own impact on climate change and supporting local residents, businesses and groups in reducing their impact and adapting to climate change.

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Background Papers:
None