

**COUNCIL**

**22 MARCH 2018**

**MOTION 1 - AMENDMENT 1**

Proposed by: Councillor Ashley Wood

Seconded by: Councillor Emma Sandrey

After the first paragraph replace all text with: -

*This Council notes that:*

- *Single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our communities and environment. Approximately 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced globally each year of which 40% is intended to be single-use [1].*
- *Over 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year, with most originating from the land [2].*
- *Many plastics, including polystyrene, cannot be recycled and paper coffee cups are often fused with polyethylene making them difficult to recycle.*
- *Re-use is preferable to recycling or disposal, requiring less energy and creating less waste.*
- *Small businesses across South Wales are taking proactive steps to encourage consumers to use less plastic [3].*
- *Cardiff University students have already taken the initiative with a 'No Straw campaign' [4].*

*This Council resolves to start the process to becoming a Plastic-Free city by:*

- *Supporting Plastic Free Coastlines, committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the City. Setting the example and leading the way by aiming to remove all single-use plastics from Council premises by the end of the 2018-19 financial year, and promoting the removal of single-use plastics elsewhere.*
- *Urging all business with which we work, through procurement avenues and other networks, to promote the phasing out of similar products in their business environments. Furthermore, encourage all local businesses and retailers to stop using, and selling, single-use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.*
- *Ensuring all organisations in receipt of council funds to make a commitment to sustainable practices and be encouraged to phase out all single use plastics.*
- *Seeking to set up a stakeholders group including community representatives, to further this aim, in all business environments and communities.*
- *Creating plastic-free community spaces in our parks, libraries, hubs, community and leisure centres.*
- *Working with stakeholders to create plastic-free schools, colleges and other organisations.*

- *Continuing to promote, organise and support community events to remove plastic waste from our coastline and elsewhere.*
- *Developing a plastics policy.*

*Opportunities:*

- *Schools plastic free policy*
- *Supporting the wider introduction and use of water fountains and re-fill stations.*
- *Planning conditions for inclusion in management or waste policies*
- *Increase our percentage of recyclable waste, reducing incineration and landfill*
- *Our offices, parks, hubs, schools, libraries, leisure centres, vehicles and thousands of staff*
- *Our purchasing and influencing power with suppliers, partners and stakeholders*
- *Future Generations Act – this has to be one of the most compliant decisions possible!*

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The amended Motion would read:

That this Council recognise the damage that waste plastics cause to the world wide environment, acknowledge that there are measures we can take now to reduce, or cease, our contribution to that contamination and damage, and commit to becoming a "Plastic Free" City. This Council notes that:

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- Supporting Plastic Free Coastlines, committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the City. Setting the example and leading the way by aiming to remove all single-use plastics from Council premises by the end of the 2018-19 financial year, and promoting the removal of single-use plastics elsewhere.
- Urging all business with which we work, through procurement avenues and other networks, to promote the phasing out of similar products in their business environments. Furthermore, encourage all local businesses and retailers to stop using, and selling, single-use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.
- Ensuring all organisations in receipt of council funds to make a commitment to sustainable practices and be encouraged to phase out all single use plastics.
- Seeking to set up a stakeholders group including community representatives, to further this aim, in all business environments and communities.
- Creating plastic-free community spaces in our parks, libraries, hubs, community and leisure centres.
- Working with stakeholders to create plastic-free schools, colleges and other organisations.
- Continuing to promote, organise and support community events to remove plastic waste from our coastline and elsewhere.
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