

Appendix B - Single use plastic action plan to support the Policy

Area	Issue	Action
Education	<p>People want to make informed choices.</p> <p>Making the right decision on which product to use; what can be recycled or how they can help can be confusing.</p> <p>People may wish to seek out alternatives, but need to consider if the product is required in the first place or what more</p>	Promote ways in which citizens can lobby takeaways or retailers serve their food in paper or card instead of plastic and polystyrene e.g love food, hate waste postcard scheme.
		Mass balloon releases have been banned from Cardiff Council land for a number of years and we encourage other land owners to do the same
		Promote the waste hierarchy on the decisions people can make when looking to reduce single use plastic; for example – stop using; seek out alternatives; reuse; recycling
		Work with the Really Rubbish campaign to promote and raise awareness of single use plastics.
		Explore the merits providing environmental Education books to every primary school subject to obtaining third party funding.
		Provide guidance and support to Council departments to make informed choices in purchasing of plastic products.
		Provide and promote information on single use plastic alternatives on the Council and 'Love Where You Live' websites; face book and social media platforms
		Promote the benefits of responsible waste ownership and consequences of littering.
		Promote refill points for water
		Support local plastic free initiatives and encourage schools, businesses and community group working on them through "love where you live"
Work with partners	<p>The Council can lead by example, and work with a growing number of like-minded partners that can support bolster the single use plastic agenda. This can be done by working together and/or promoting the good work that they do</p>	Work with the Cardiff Public Service Board to align policies and actions relating to reducing the use single use plastics and to identify and share good practice.
		Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru – campaign to prevent plastic items (cotton buds, wet wipes, sanitary products etc) being flushed down the toilet in their 'only put down the loo – if pee, poo or paper' campaign.
		Promote like-minded organisations like surfers against sewer and plastic free organisations.
		Work with local campaign groups such as 'No straw stand' get people considering if

		<p>they really need a straw and they do, what is the better choice.</p> <p>Promote stakeholder recycling initiatives; such as Costa and Starbucks relating to takeaway coffee cups.</p> <p>Continue to work with and support the Terracycle project with KWT (https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/tackling-marine-plastic) and the promote community litter picks to clean up communities</p>
Practicable activities		<p>Terracycle project with KWT (https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/tackling-marine-plastic)</p>
Enforcement		<p>Continue the zero tolerance approach to littering</p>
Procurement		<p>Understand all the single use plastic purchases that the council make and develop a specific approach for each of the key problem products. For example, develop a “banned purchasing list” or identify a suitable alternative for specific single use products</p> <p>Promote the purchase of products that contain recycled plastic over virgin plastics</p> <p>Question if plastic is present e.g napkins, canned drinks instead of plastic bottles</p>
Drinking fountains		<p>Explore ‘Refill’ schemes to encourage shops, businesses and cafes to offer members of the public free tap water refills.</p> <p>Participating businesses display ‘refill’ stickers in their windows to let people know they offer free tap water and that there is no need to feel uncomfortable or embarrassed asking for it. They also appear on the Refill app, making the nearest Refill point easy to locate.</p> <p>Committed working with Welsh water to deliver new water fountains across the city to make it even easier for citizens to refill on the go</p> <p>Priority will be given the following council building for consideration, subject to suitable water infrastructure;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiff Central Library

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Specific single use plastic items as listed in the EU proposed regulations		
Coffee cups	Provided through the Councils catering facilities. Used once then discarded. Cannot be recycled as plastic liner cardboard.	Disposable/takeaway coffee cups in council buildings should be reviewed and deposit return schemes for Catering facilities should be explored. Reusable cups are provided and a small returnable deposit is taken at the time of purchase. The cup can either be kept or the deposit refunded when the cup is returned.
Drinking straws	Provided through the councils catering facilities and schools. Used once then discarded. Cannot be recycled.	Stop the provision of straws in council and school catering facilities; concessions may be required for medical and disability considerations.
Plastic cutlery	Provided through the councils catering facilities. Used once then discarded. Cannot be recycled.	Consider deposit return schemes for metal cutlery – a small charge is placed on utensils and this can be refunded once the item is returned.
		Single wood alternatives are an option to replace single use plastics; however, neither product can be recycled. Wood does degrade but does not harm the environment, unlike plastic.
		Seek to provide reusable plates instead of single use disposal items.
Plastic stirrers	Provided through the councils catering facilities. Used once then discarded. Cannot be recycled.	Stop the purchase of plastic stirrers across the council
		Whilst wood alternatives are better for the environment than plastic, neither product can be recycled.
Plastic bottles	Mostly drink bottles purchased in council catering facilities; school milk bottles and vending machines. Can be recycled but often end up being discarded.	Seek to replace the products sold in council catering outlets and vending machines from plastic bottles to drinks cans.
		Explore alternative approaches to schools milk supplies
Plastic bags	The Welsh Carrier bag	Continue to promote reusable/bag for life

and wrappers (that cannot be recycled)	tax have assisted in addressing consumer bay usage, the council still use plastic bags to promotional events; food wrappers; recycling and waste services (medical and hygiene items are out of scope)	schemes.
		Review the use of single use plastics within the all council directorates although infection and disease control will be the priority in some areas of high usage
		Use fabric or reusable bags for any promotional items issued by the Council and or at Council hosted events
		Undertake a review of waste management provision of single use bags for waste disposal and recycling (green bags, food liners, hygiene and striped bags). Although it should be noted that the green bags issued by the council are recycled; The service should review the pros and cons of bag provision in the wider context of the environmental impacts for example;- practical requirements to support the cities household type; protection of the recycling product; hygiene, prevention of street litter etc are all factors to consider
Food packaging	Mostly used in takeaway food and discarded after use.	<p>Explore the packaging currently used and agree a corporate alternative product.</p> <p>Biodegradable or plastic liner cardboard boxes are not suitable alternatives as they cannot be composted and therefore are only suitable for general waste disposal.</p> <p>Work with food hygiene teams to consider “bring your own container” for takeaway foods</p>
Plastic drinking cups	Plastic drinking cups provided with drinking fountains are often used once, then discarded. Some products can be recycled.	<p>No longer provide plastic cups for general office drinking water in council buildings; council staff have access to glasses or reusable containers.</p> <p>Explore a drinking fountain/refill network for public areas of council buildings rather than providing drinking stations with plastic glasses.</p> <p>Work with the events team to develop deposit return schemes for drinking glasses at events. Reusable glasses are provided for a small charge. The deposit is then returned when the glasses is returned. Seek to make this or a suitable alternative, a licensing condition of all major city events.</p>