



Title of Report:	Reducing Single Use Plastic Usage
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	14th December 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	Our natural assets and spaces are managed and developed to recognised standards and processes
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of an approach from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) and Tackling Plastics NI (TPNI) who wish to engage with local authorities to reduce single use plastic usage and ultimately eliminate single-use plastic from their estates, properties and services altogether.

2.0 Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)

2.1 The UK Government 25 Year Environment Plan, supported by the Northern Ireland Civil Service, aims to remove all single-use plastic from central government estate offices. The initiative is supported by DAERA.

2.2 A commitment and action by local authorities to reduce and remove single-use plastic would be consistent with public policy in the UK and Northern Ireland.

3.0 Commitment

3.1 KNIB/TPNI is asking local authorities to commit to a Plastic Promise to:

- Reduce and eventually remove consumer single-use plastic from its offices and properties within a timeframe to be agreed

3.2 The Plastic Promise is a commitment to reducing and removing single-use plastic across our estate, where possible.

3.3 To demonstrate commitment Council will:

- Address single-use plastics in our operations and services to reduce and remove consumer single-use plastic where viable and practical
- Work within our supply chains to reduce and remove single-use plastic
- Work with elected members, staff and our communities to change behaviour towards using single-use plastic

4.0 Current activity

4.1 As part of the LiveSmart initiative, Council promotes PlasticSmart. PlasticSmart aims to reduce plastic use and increase recycling in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough with simple, practical actions.

- 4.2 PlasticSmart aims to avoid single use plastic bags, straws and water bottles, disposable take-away coffee cups and wipes, plastic packaging and wrap.
- 4.3 Examples of PlasticSmart in action includes work with schools and businesses to achieve PlasticSmart accreditation. Also, promotion of the 'H2O on the Go' an initiative to reduce the number of single-use plastic bottles. 'H2O on the Go' allows members of the public to walk into a participating business and request the refill of their water bottle.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee notes the request from KNIB/TPNI and agrees to commit to the Plastic Promise.