

## **Internal Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Friday, 18 January 2019

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

### **Report of the Reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire Task and Finish Group**

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### **Executive Summary**

The findings of the Reducing Single Use Plastics (SUP) in Lancashire task and finish group are detailed in the report at Appendix A.

#### **Recommendation**

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

1. Support the recommendations of the task and finish group, as set out in the report at Appendix A.
2. Consider the appropriate mechanism for reviewing the responses to the task and finish group's recommendations.

#### **Background and Advice**

On the 22 February 2018 a Notice of Motion was submitted to Full Council asking the county council to take a lead on reducing single use plastics (SUP) in Lancashire. Following this meeting Cabinet agreed to invite Overview and Scrutiny to establish a task and finish group to review this matter.

A task and finish group was established to review the following objectives:

- (i) Developing a robust strategy to make Lancashire County Council a 'single-use-plastic-free' authority and encourage the county's institutions, businesses and citizens to adopt similar measures;
- (ii) Ending the sale and provision of SUP products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in council buildings, events and services;
- (iii) Encouraging schools and social care facilities to adopt measures, with the aim of phasing out single-use plastic, for example containers and cutlery in their premises;

(iv) Ensuring that the County Council, via its procurement of goods and suppliers, has integrated the aim to end the use of SUP products by suppliers wherever feasible and appropriate;

(v) Exploring measures to encourage District and Borough Councils and other statutory partners of Lancashire County Council within Lancashire to adopt a rigorous enforcement policy on disposal of SUP products.

### **Membership of the Task and Finish Group**

The following County Councillors were appointed to the task and finish group:

- Gina Dowding (Chair)
- Stephen Clarke
- Loraine Cox
- Charles Edwards
- Steve Holgate
- Dave Stansfield
- Peter Steen

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Financial**

The initial changes made to disposable products in the Reflections Café by Facilities Management Service indicate an increase of £2,314 which is a 37.5% increase in the cost of these products based on the previous year level of purchase. This increased cost will be incorporated into the sale price of items to customers to ensure full cost recovery. The impact of any changes will be monitored to ensure performance of the business is not effected and the budgeted contribution to overheads is maintained.

### **Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

#### **List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A