

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 17 May 2019

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions)

Reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire - Response to Recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group Report

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

In January 2019, the Internal Scrutiny Committee published a task and finish group report on reducing single use plastics in Lancashire.

In accordance with agreed protocols, the relevant Cabinet Members have been asked to provide a response to the task and finish group's report. This is set out at Appendix 'A'.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive and comment on the response by the relevant Cabinet Members.

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 the matter. The task and finish group's report was approved by the Internal Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 18 January 2019.

In accordance with statutory requirements a response has been provided by the following relevant Cabinet Members:

- Leader of the County Council
- Deputy Leader County Council
- Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Environment and Planning
- Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

The response is set out in Appendix A. Members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive and comment on the response provided.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications. The task and finish group's report reflected the views and recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny. It did not necessarily reflect the views of the county council. In many cases, suggestions were made for further consideration to be given to issues, and this may need to include an appropriate assessment of the legal and financial risks and implications. The response from the Cabinet Members does not necessarily equate to an assessment of the legal and financial risks and implications at this stage, merely that a commitment will or won't be pursued by them in relation to each recommendation.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Report of the Reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire Task and Finish Group	18/01/19	Misbah Mahmood/01772 530818

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A