

MTC P&R 9.10.19 Report No 1

Purpose of the report

To seek the committee's approval to broaden the scope of the Single Use Plastics (SUP) steering group, to incorporate the emerging priority of the global climate emergency, and to re-brand the steering group accordingly.

To seek the committee's approval of the recommendations drawn together from the SUP audit undertaken by MAP, one of which was to adopt a policy on SUP's

To seek the committee's approval of an Environmental and Climate Protection Policy, which will naturally incorporate a reduction approach to SUP's.

Background

In 2018, Malmesbury Town Council passed a motion to become a 'Plastic Free Council'. As part of this work, Malmesbury Against Plastic were asked to come in to carry out an audit of the areas which make up the Town Hall, in order to assess which items of Single Use Plastic were currently being used and to suggest alternatives and points of action across the estate. Our focus was on non-recyclable single use plastics (SUPs) in particular. However, given the recent increased profile of the global climate emergency, the working group needs to broaden its scope to include the use of SUP's in a wider environmental awareness, which should inform the way we deliver contracts going forward. The current working group name should change in order to incorporate the additional priorities.

In April 2019 the Full Council resolved that what is currently known as the SUP steering group, should draw up a list of recommendations for actions to reduce or rule out, as appropriate, the Council's use of SUP's, and that this list should be brought to the policy and Resources Committee.

Proposal

- 1) In acknowledgement of the global climate emergency, we recommend the SUP Steering group widen its scope and become the 'Climate Emergency' Steering Group or Sub-Committee.
- 2) We recommend the adoption of the Environment and Climate Protection Policy
- 3) We recommend that the Council give a mandate to the 'Climate Emergency' Steering or Sub Committee, to work with Committee Chairs to explore and adopt, as far as is practicable, SUP reduction actions.

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