

Report No 6

Report to Town Hall and Facilities Committee 6th November 2019

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the areas identified in the Malmesbury Against Plastic (MAP) audit which this Committee could take ownership of in support of the Policy and Resources sub-committee.

2. Background

A representative from MAP addressed the Council on the subject of single use plastics at the Full Council meeting of the 24th July 2018, with a resolution to promote the end of single use plastics in the town and to set up a Working Group with an invitation extended to representatives of MAP and members of the public to take part (Meeting minutes, item 20.1)

An audit of single use plastics (SUP) was noted at the Full Council meeting of the 23rd April 2019 (Meeting minutes, item 102), with a resolution for the Single Use Plastics Working Group to meet with the author of the SUP audit, with a view to informing the Policy and Resources Committee of the implications and possible actions for the Council.

In advance of the forthcoming Policy and Resources Meeting where this will be discussed, the author has taken the opportunity to review the SUP audit to identify the areas where this Committee may have ownership and, therefore, responsibility.

3. Proposal

To consider each of the salient points (attached as Appendix 1) identified from the SUP audit report in turn and present those agreed by this Committee as a starting point, via the Working Group, in supporting the Council's ambition to significantly reduce the use of SUP.

4. Financial implications and risks

There is likely to be an increase in costs to the Council, possibly more so in the early stages of implementation, however by what factor will not be known until appropriate cost/benefit analysis has been undertaken and competitive tendering sought, however the Council has approved this direction and, unless cost outweighs the benefits, will continue to pursue this strategic aim.

5. Recommendation

Committee is recommended to approve the above proposal and agree which points will form the basis of the Town Hall and Facilities contribution to the reduction in SUP.

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