



COUNCIL – 9TH OCTOBER 2018

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – THE PHASE OUT OF PLASTIC PRODUCTS

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the report, and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11 (3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor C. Mann and is supported by Councillors T. Parry, J. Roberts and S. Scriven.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to Council for consideration.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Councillor C. Mann requests in his Notice of Motion that Council:-
- (i) Council notes the huge problem posed by plastic pollution on a world scale – materials which will remain intact for hundreds if not thousands of years.
 - (ii) Council further notes the huge amount of plastic items being ordered on a regular basis by the authority – 116,000 over a recent four-month period.
 - (iii) Council resolves to re-visit its procurement practices with a view to phasing out plastics where a sustainable alternative is available. These substitute products should be brought in over a maximum timescale of five years.
- 4.2 The following information is provided in relation to the notice of motion.
- 4.3 The Council has established a Project Group ('Group') which consists of Officers from Communications, Catering, Environmental Health, Facilities, Procurement and Waste Management together with representation from Welsh Government, Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP Cymru) and Eunomia Research. Titled the "Plastics Challenge" the Group are considering the following:

- key issues;
- impacts;
- problematic plastics;
- the waste management context;
- avoiding unintended consequences; &
- waste prevention and alternatives.

4.4 The Group are currently analysing data and products in relation to the Council's Catering provision including plastic cutlery, packaging and consumables (pots, takeaway containers etc.). The aim will be to reduce the use of single use plastic and optimise the recycling, treatment recovery and reprocessing of such materials, in essence 'managing plastics more sustainably'. This process will include supply chain engagement, prioritisation: quick wins and medium to long term objectives via action plans. This approach can also be adopted and rolled out to other commodities in the future.

4.5 The Council are also actively involved in a number of other initiatives which involve 'managing plastics more sustainably' such as (but not limited to):

- the Programme of water course environmental clean ups with government agencies and the community volunteer network;
- the statutory cleansing service which clears over 1000 tonnes of plastic every year;
- the weekly kerbside recycling service which collects over 20, 000 tonnes (60% of which is plastic) for reprocessing;
- the support for a new venture producing non plastic packaging for the food on the go sector (non plastic straws, cups, trays etc.); and
- the development of the network of public recycling facilities across the County Borough plus the development of plastic and other recycling facilities in Council offices and other Council owned establishments.

4.6 The Council's Procurement Strategy 2018-2023 has the 'Environment' as a specific Strategic Theme together with individual Goals. This section of the Strategy states "The Council will recognise environmental issues and address them through the procurement process and procedures. We will strive to develop the procurement function in a way that balances economic and social values in equal measure, embracing sustainable development and putting The Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 at the heart of all procurement decisions. The Well-being and Future Generations Act defines Sustainable Development in Wales as: "The process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals". We will do all we can to help the Council in its efforts to balance the five ways of working needed for Public Bodies to achieve the seven well-being goals set out in the Act."

Reasons for the Motion

4.7 In order to reduce plastic pollution.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 The Notice of Motion is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the act as it complies with the rules and regulations of the Council's Constitution which sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular decision making responsibilities which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 4.1 above and make an appropriate recommendation.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 11.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Author: Emma Sullivan, Senior Committee Services Officer

Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion

NOTICE OF MOTION

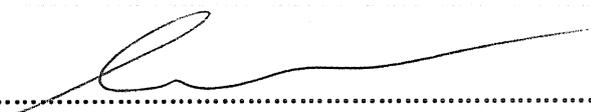
To consider the undermentioned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor Colin Mann supported by Councillor Jon Scriven and Councillor John Roberts

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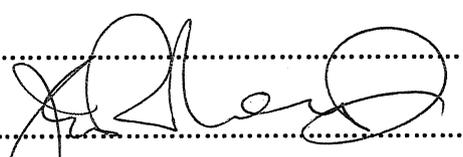
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Councillor Colin Mann 

Councillor Jon Scriven

Councillor John Roberts 

Councillor Teresa Parry

From: Cllr. Parry, Teresa
Sent: 24 September 2018 12:33
To: Sullivan, Emma
Subject: FW: Plastics motion

Hi Emma

Could you please add my name to the Plastics motion from Colin Mann, see below.
Teresa

Cllr Teresa Parry

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From: Cllr. Scriven, Jon
Sent: 20 September 2018 10:04
To: Sullivan, Emma
Subject: Plastics motion

Good morning Emma, can you add my name to the motion please

Thank you

Cllr Jon Scriven

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