

Cabinet

Plan for Plastics 2020-2030



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Title of Report:	Britain's Ocean City – Our Plan for Plastics 2020-30
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Purpose of Report

To update the Cabinet on the progress made with partners towards delivering the first Plan for Plastics that was adopted by the Council in 2018 and to present the second Plan for Plastics that will drive forward further work between 2020 -2030.

The first plan which was adopted in 2018, was produced as a result of the Council's commitment to work with partners from across the City in developing and delivering a single integrated and collaborative approach to reducing our use of single use plastic. The Plan's delivery has been driven by the Britain's Ocean City Plastics Task Force, which includes representatives from public bodies, the environmental sector, the voluntary sector, the charity sector, academia, industry and businesses.

Following the success of the first edition of Plymouth's Plan for Plastics, an updated version of the Plan has been produced by the Task Force. The updated second version of the Plan will continue to focus and drive a citywide effort to significantly reduce our use of single use and avoidable plastics and lead work to achieve our ambition of reducing plastic use to an absolute minimum by 2030. It has also evolved to align with and fully support the delivery of the Plymouth Climate Emergency Action Plan and the City's ambitions for the Plymouth Sound National Marine Park.

Recommendations and Reasons

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Note the progress and achievements of the first Plan for Plastics produced in 2018.
Reason: To acknowledge the action that has already been taken by the City Council and its partners on the Britain's Ocean City Plastics Task Force.
2. Support and endorse the Plymouth Plan for Plastics 2020 – 2030.
Reason: To set the continued direction of travel for the further reduction of plastic use within the city through collaboration with the members of Britain's Ocean City Plastic Task Force.

Alternative options considered and rejected

To not prepare an updated Plan for Plastics – This was rejected because an updated plan is needed to drive work in Plymouth to ensure that as Britain's Ocean City we continue to play a key role in solving the significant environmental issue of single use and avoidable plastic pollution.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The actions delivered to date as a result of the Plan for Plastics adopted in 2018 and the proposed endorsement of the Plan for Plastics 2020-2030 is consistent with the themes and values of the Corporate Plan in the following ways.

Values – It will enable the Council to be accountable and environmentally responsible in the way it delivers services.

A Growing city – It will ensure the City is a great place to live for future generations and the natural environment is a valued part of the growth agenda.

A Caring city– It will ensure a healthy natural environment for our residents, workers and visitors.

A strong voice for Plymouth regionally and nationally – It will place Plymouth at the forefront internationally for the work to solve the significant environmental issue of single use and avoidable plastic pollution.

The Plan for Plastics is also consistent with and supports the delivery of the Plymouth Plan, particularly the 'A Green City' theme.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There are no new financial implications for the Council in endorsing the Plan for Plastic 2020-2030. The Council's role in delivering the Plan for Plastics will focus on a move towards plastic free options and alternatives within existing Council resources and budgets.

The Council is also a partner in an EU funded project called 'Preventing Plastic Pollution' working with 16 other partners. This successful project bid provides funding to support the community based action to reduce plastic pollution that is detailed in the Plan for Plastics 2020-2030.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

The Plymouth Plan for Plastics fully aligns with and supports the delivery of the Plymouth Climate Emergency Action Plan. The Plan will address one of the key threats to our environment, namely plastic pollution and by supporting efforts to reduce the reliance on single use and avoidable plastic, there will also be a corresponding reduction in carbon emissions. The actions delivered by the Plan will be monitored to capture the carbon reduction benefits of the Plan.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

Plymouth's Plan for Plastics includes an element of work to enable everyone, but particularly, children and young people, to access and enjoy the natural environment so that they can reclaim their blue and greenspaces for their generation and for their children. This will support efforts to reduce current inequality in people's access to natural spaces and help a greater number of people to access the benefits these spaces provide.

Appendices

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A	Plymouth Plan for Plastics 2020 - 2030							

Background papers:

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