

# MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council 19 November 2018



## **Commit to the accelerated reduction in single-use plastic by 2020**

Plymouth has already made great progress towards reducing single-use plastics, and we want to continue to be at the forefront of addressing this worldwide issue. Support is sought to accelerate the phasing out of single-use plastics such as plastic cutlery and plates, cotton buds, straws, drink-stirrers and balloon sticks across the City by 2020 ahead of the EU deadline. 49% of the marine litter found on EU beaches is composed of single use plastics so, given our location, Plymouth can be one of the first cities to really make a difference and build on the work that has already been achieved by the partners of the Plymouth Plastic Task Force, businesses and residents.

This aim will be achieved by supporting a number of initiatives that will enable us to work alongside businesses, organisations and individuals to collectively drive forward this agenda and for Plymouth City Council to lead by example by committing to the following:-

1. All events on Plymouth City Council land will complete an Environmental Assessment prior to the event to show how single-use plastic will be eliminated, replaced by alternatives or, at least, reduced to an absolute minimum and how the maximum level of recycling of other plastics will be achieved.
2. All Council buildings will go single-use plastic free by September 2019
3. Building on existing commitments, the Surfers Against Sewage [SAS] community campaigns, Plymouth City Council, working with the Plastic Task Force members, will develop and introduce a city-wide voluntary code of conduct to ban single-use plastics such as plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery and single-use coffee cups that will come in to place by the end of 2019.

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