

## MOTION (amended)

Council notes that according to recent research, eight million metric tons of plastic waste ends up in the world's oceans each year, endangering marine life, and that there is a growing understanding of the risks posed to human health by toxic chemicals present in plastics.

Council further notes that six months after the introduction of the 5p bag charge, use of single-use plastic bags had already dropped by 85%, while the TV programme Blue Planet II has raised public awareness of the problems of our throwaway culture. Norwich, Brighton and other councils in the UK have already passed motions committing to phase out the use of single-use plastic products where it is reasonable to do so and to encourage local businesses and other local public agencies to do the same. The Council also welcomes and supports the publishing of the Government Our 25 year plan to improve the Environment.

Council resolves to:

- Continue to develop its plastic use strategy to make Surrey a single-use-plastic-free authority by working with the Environment Agency, Districts and Boroughs, businesses, E&I Select Committee and other partners and to bring back that strategy to Council in 2019
- Immediately start the process to reduce the sale and provision of single-use plastic products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in Council buildings where it is reasonable to do so.
- Investigate the feasibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at large council events to avoid single use plastic as a condition of their contract and work with tenants in commercial properties owned by Surrey County Council to encourage the phasing out of single use plastic cups, bottles, cutlery and straws where it is reasonable to do so.
- Include the reduction of single use plastic items in the list of Corporate priorities for Surrey County Council.
- Write to the Secretary of State for the Environment asking for more information on how the Government is to eliminate single-use plastics by 2042 and how this could be brought forward.

