

**Report for:** Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel Dec 2019

**Title:** Single Use Plastic Update – December 2019

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**Lead Officer:** Joe Baker, Head of Carbon Management

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** N/A

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel on work being undertaken to reduce the amount of plastic used by the Council and in the borough more generally.
- 1.2 The report also outlines the development of a policy on single use plastics and progress to date.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Panel note the content of the update in relation to the development of a single use plastics policy.

**4. Background information**

- 6.1 Officers are currently working on creating a policy that will reduce the level of single use plastics in the Council and the community. Similar policies have been passed by councils such as Surrey and Lambeth. However, these vary in detail with some stating high level ambitions whilst others detail specific actions to be undertaken.
- 6.2 Haringey Council's goal is to develop a policy that has specific and timed actions, alongside long-term aspirations to reduce single use plastics across the borough by working with business and other organisations. This approach will demonstrate our desire to 'get our own house in order' and enable us to share best practice and advice from our experiences. The Council is already delivering work on moving towards plastic free, such as providing all new staff with re-usable water bottles and the Council is removing plastic cups at water

dispensers in River Park House and Alexandra House. And the boroughs community is already being supported by North London Waste Authority (NLWA) to reduce single use plastics in businesses around Crouch End.

- 6.3 The new policy has the goal to reduce the amount of single use plastics in the Council both through hard measures, behavioural change, and policy alterations. Some actions will be dependent on budget and financial considerations, but many will cost very little or nothing at all. The policy will also set out the ways in which the Council can work and inform local businesses to reduce single use plastics through the supply chain and their operations. We will also look into creating education advice for schools and other organisations in Haringey with NLWA.
- 6.4 This policy is being designed and developed with a range of services across the Council – HR, Waste and Recycling, Corporate Landlord, Carbon Management etc. It is aiming for adoption in April's Full Council meeting.