

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date: 30 April 2019

Wards: ALL

Subject: Report and Recommendations arising from the ‘Reducing Single Use Plastics in Merton Council buildings’ Task Group

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Recommendations:

- A. That the Panel comment on the report and recommendations arising from the ‘Reducing Single Use Plastics in Merton Council buildings’ Task Group.
- B. That Panel send the report to Cabinet for final agreement.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. In June 2018 this Panel commissioned a task group to consider ‘Reducing Single Use Plastics in Merton Council buildings’. The full report is attached.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 2.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

3 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 3.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

4 TIMETABLE

- 4.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2018/19.

5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None relating to this covering report

6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

7.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None relating to this covering report

10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Report and Recommendations arising from the ‘Reducing Single Use Plastics in Merton Council buildings’ Task Group.

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1. None.