

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 2 in the name of Councillor Moore to be seconded by Councillor Kelleher	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
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Lewisham Council's use of single-use and short-term use plastics

"We are currently using a large volume of single use and short term use plastic and a plan or strategy in place to phase out its use needs to be created to ensure that are not only in line with Government expectations but importantly those of our own party and Lewisham Labour's manifesto of 2018, and further that:

- According to recent research, highlighted in programmes such as 'Blue Planet II' and 'Drowning in Plastic', 8 million tonnes of plastic waste ends up in the world's oceans each year
- There is a growing awareness and understanding of the impact and risks posed to animal and human health through the toxic chemicals present in plastics
- The Ellen MacArthur Foundation estimated that by 2050, the weight of plastic in the oceans will exceed that of fish
- The use of single-use and short-use plastic when not properly recycled has a detrimental impact on our environment.

Lewisham Council resolves:

- To make Lewisham Council a single use and short term use free authority by the end of this term of office – May 2020
- To end the sale and procurement of such plastics (such as bottles, cups, straws, cutlery and drinking straws), with allowances made for rigid straws to support those with disabilities needing them
- To work with all sites owned or managed by LBL to support the phasing out of these plastics
- To collaborate with any festival or other such event organisers to replace the use of such plastics at events in the Borough and promote the use of re-useable or deposit scheme cups leading to this being a request or condition for the obtaining a licence for such events
- That a strategy be adopted and implemented across all Borough owned premises, including our schools and nurseries as to the phasing out of the use of such plastics, and

forms part of the Council's approach to recycling, and environmental issues through the cabinet member and Mayor's portfolios to carry out our manifesto commitment in this area. In addition, the Council resolves to ensure that this message goes out to partner organisations and commercial enterprises in the Borough. As Lewisham Council became a Fair Trade Council, that it take steps to become a Plastic Free Council, beginning with the phasing out of single and short term use plastics.

This Council believes:

That Lewisham should be part of the wider movement not only in the Labour Party, but also across the country to phase out the use of single and short term use plastics, and in so doing, become a Council that does not use single-use or short-use plastic wherever possible."