

# Summary of Recommendations

Due to a formatting error whereby the final three recommendations were omitted from the summary included in the report this is an amended summary of the complete recommendations.

|     | Recommendation  | Responsibility  | Completion Date  |
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| R01 | <b>Free Water Fountains/Refill Birmingham Campaign</b><br>That the feasibility of:<br>(1) creating a network of free water fountains including looking at the possibility of installing water fountains in Council buildings and<br>(2) raising awareness of the Refill Birmingham Campaign be examined in collaboration with the West Midlands Mayor, Severn Trent Water, Refill and other stakeholders and partners as appropriate.   | Cabinet Member, Street Scene & Parks<br><br>Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment<br><br>Leader  | Sept 2020  |
| R02 | <b>Communication Campaign</b><br>That the City Council work in collaboration with WRAP to develop a communication campaign which provides clear and consistent information to residents with a view to communicating two clear messages:<br>(1) The first is about the importance of prevention and the importance of and reasons for not buying and using plastic.<br>(2) The second is about explaining the proper use of the recycling service about what can and what can't be recycled and how to recycle effectively.                           | Cabinet Member , Street Scene & Parks<br><br>Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment<br><br>Leader   | Spring 2020  |
| R03 | <b>'On the Go' Recycling</b><br>That new ways of boosting 'on the go' recycling based on some of the innovative ideas being piloted elsewhere and specifically in the #LeedsByExample model, including the feasibility of piloting the use of Recycle Reward Machines for single-use plastic bottles, be explored.  | Cabinet Member, Street Scene & Parks<br><br>Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment  | Sept 2020  |
| R04 | <b>Revising City Council Event Organisers Guide</b><br>That the City Council Event Organisers Guide be revised to reflect the inclusion as a mandatory contractual term in the contract between the event organiser and the City Council of:<br>(1) A prohibition on the use of single-use plastic where events are being held on Council-owned land.<br>(2) A prohibition on the release of balloons where an event is taking place on Council-owned land for events where more than a de minimis threshold number of people are expected to attend. | Cabinet Member , Street Scene & Parks<br><br>Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment<br><br>Leader<br><br>Chair of Licensing and Public Protection Committee | Dec 2019 (Revision of Guide)<br><br>Sept 2020 (Mandatory Contractual Term) |

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| <b>R05</b> | <b>Plastic Free Aisles</b><br>That:<br>(1) letters be sent to all major supermarkets trading in the city encouraging them to introduce plastic free aisles; and<br>(2) ways to disseminate the Surfers Against Sewage Business Toolkit more widely to businesses in the city as an aid to helping businesses start to make changes to reduce their reliance on single-use plastics be explored.  | Cabinet Member, Street Scene & Parks   | Dec 2019  |
| <b>R06</b> | <b>Plastic Free Birmingham Summit</b><br>That a 'Plastic Free Birmingham Summit' be organised with a view to producing a multi-partner Action Plan for the City setting out who needs to do what to deliver the multi-partner Action Plan. The Action Plan should include specific measures to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Examine the most effective ways of encouraging the phasing out of single-use plastic containers wherever possible by Fast Food Takeaways.</li> <li>(2) Investigate the feasibility of producing locally branded water containers.</li> <li>(3) Explore the creation of a 'Plastic Free Network' to provide support and practical guidance and advice to help local businesses to transition from single-use plastics to alternatives.</li> <li>(4) Explore the best ways to enable as many people and groups as possible engage with a 'Plastic Free Challenge Month'.</li> <li>(5) Work with the Local Commonwealth Games Organising Committee and other Games partners to minimise the use of single-use plastic items and ensure that sustainability is a key feature of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.</li> </ol> | Cabinet Member, Street Scene & Parks<br><br>Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment<br><br>Leader | June 2020 |
| <b>R07</b> | <b>Collection Systems</b><br>That the City Council maintains a dialogue with Veolia to monitor ongoing technological developments and improvements in relation to plastic recycling capability to ensure that the capacity and capability will be made available to recycle plastic items which are currently not practicable to recycle, as soon as this becomes technologically feasible.  | Cabinet Member, Street Scene & Parks   | June 2021 |
| <b>R08</b> | That an assessment of progress against the recommendations in this report be presented to the appropriate Overview & Scrutiny Committee.<br><br><i>Note when tracking recommendations – some of the executive feedback was to the effect that implementation of some recommendations are subject to resource allocation, which is a matter for City Council when it sets the budget.</i>   | Cabinet Member, Street Scene & Parks   | Sept 2020 |