

Update of Implementation of Recommendations from the Single Use Plastics Scrutiny Review

Recommendation	Update of Implementation September 2019
<p>i. CYC Facilities Management:</p> <p>a) continue to work with United Response to explore options to replace disposable plastic food containers (such as those used for sandwiches and salads) with more environmentally friendly alternatives</p>	<p>Single use plastic use ceased on Tuesday 30th July when the cafe launched the use of plant based disposables known as Vegware. All their disposables will break down in less than 12 weeks in commercial composting solutions. The launch will include Vegware staff in the cafe on the above date to promote.</p>
<p>b) undertakes a trial whereby metal cutlery is made available in West Office hubs and the cafe as an alternative to disposable plastic cutlery</p>	<p>Plastic cutlery was swapped for metal cutlery on the above date. Metal cutlery removed from the cafe will require returning. A small amount is also available in each hub for communal staff usage.</p>
<p>c) works with Communications colleagues to prepare and distribute publicity materials encouraging CYC staff to reduce their use of single-use plastics</p>	<p>The communications team are being kept up to date with progress and are supporting advertising the change.</p>
<p>d) Considers options for expanding the range of recyclable materials collected at West Offices, for example through dedicated bins for biodegradable / compostable coffee cups and crisp packets</p>	<p>Lime green topped bins with signage have been available from 30th July for collecting all Vegware products including coffee cups.</p>
<p>ii. CYC Procurement, through the implementation of the Council's Social Values Policy, strives to minimise the procurement of single-use plastics</p>	<p>Procurement support in composting solution collections by Forge recycling.</p>

<p>iii. The Council:</p> <p>a) Works with partners such as Make It York to explore opportunities (such as licensing arrangements) to reduce the use of single-use plastic cups and food trays at events held on Council land, and the possible introduction of a 'code of conduct' for such events.</p>	<p>Following meetings earlier this year between CYC officers, Elected Members, York BID and Make it York, we are exploring options for events and more broadly across the city centre and hope to have more to update on in the coming months. We are also aware of a pilot scheme in Leeds city centre and will review the outcomes of that project to inform our delivery plans</p>
<p>b) Continues to liaise with York BID to explore opportunities to reduce the use of disposable coffee cups in the city centre and provide better disposal facilities, noting that the BID are currently looking at options on these issues.</p>	
<p>c) Through its role as a participant of the One Planet York initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learns from and shares information and best practice on reduction of single-use plastics with partners in the city such as educational establishments and schools • Makes use of available communications channels to share information with residents on ways in which they can reduce single-use plastics and make full use of recycling opportunities 	<p>CYC has continued to support One Planet York and is currently working with the leadership group to define its priorities and future direction.</p>

iv. **CYC Waste Services** to continue to work with Yorwaste and St Nicks to explore options for increasing the number and types of single-use plastics that can be collected for which there are practicable recycling opportunities

We are working to review the types of plastic that can be collected. As a consequence we have launched and reviewed our communications that we can collect all PET and HDPE plastics and are moving to using the national symbols to enable residents to understand this.