

**MOTION 3**

**MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR WILL SUTTON REGARDING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**

There are very real concerns with some of our residents around Climate Change in general and the use of single-use-plastic's in particular.

Anecdotal evidence suggest somewhere in the region of eight million tonnes enters the sea each year. David Attenborough urged: 'A plastic crisis is engulfing our seas, and we need to stop the problem urgently'.

How can we as leaders of this district allow this to continue without picking up the gauntlet and leading the way in reducing the SUP in all the buildings we own and manage?

I'm not for one minute suggesting we can resolve the world issue but we can in a small way help reduce the issue locally by supporting my motion.

This Council resolves to: Develop a robust strategy to make Fenland District Council a 'single-use-plastic-free' authority and encourage the districts institutions, businesses, tenants and citizens to adopt similar measures by;

1. Ending the sale and provision of SUP products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in all council owned buildings, (Including Freedom Leisure) events and services, with immediate effect where possible and feasible, and in any event, no later than Dec 2019;
2. Encouraging schools, clubs and all our outside bodies to adopt measures, with the aim of phasing out SUP, for example containers and cutlery in their premises;
3. Ensuring that the District Council, via its procurement of goods, services and supplies, has integrated the aim to end the use of SUP products by suppliers wherever feasible and appropriate;