

## **HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Report to Community Select Committee**

**19 June 2019**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Re-appointment of Single Use Plastic Working Group</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:</b>	<b>Councillor Todd - Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and Community Safety</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Rachel Rourke – Member and Community Services Officer</b>
<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>(All Wards)</b>

#### **1. Reason for the Report**

1.1 To appoint members to the Single Use Plastic Working Group.

#### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 That Community Select Committee appoint members to the Single Use Plastic Working Group, ideally seeking a politically balanced membership.

#### **3. Executive Summary**

3.1 The Single Use Plastic Working Group was established following a motion put before Council on 12 December 2018.

3.2 The Working Group met on 25 March 2019 and agreed the scope and duration of the review.

3.3 Members previously appointed to the Working Group were Councillors Atkins, Flower, Haken, Kerr, Todd and Young.

#### **4. Alternative Options**

4.1 To not appoint members to the Working Group.

## 5. Detail

5.1 At the meeting on 12 December 2018, the Council considered a motion put forward by Councillors Kerr and Todd outlining serious concerns about plastic pollution, in particular relating to single use plastics.

5.2 The Council resolved:

'The Council notes:

- the serious concerns about plastic pollution set out by Councillor Todd and Councillor Kerr in their notice of motion (attached as Annex A within Appendix 1) , in particular relating to single use plastics;
- the proposed principles, remedies and actions set out in the notice of motion (attached as Annex A within Appendix 1);
- the widespread public and corporate support for effective action to deal with plastic pollution.

The Council therefore requests the Chair of the Community Select Committee to establish a sub-committee to undertake appropriate research, taking into account evidence from local public sector and corporate partners with the task of recommending an effective, achievable, timed and costed plan of action by the Council for consideration as part of the new Corporate Plan agreed for implementation during the four years after the May elections 2019.'

5.3 Councillors Atkins, Flower, Haken, Kerr, Todd and Young were appointed to the Working Group which had its first meeting on 25 March 2019. Councillor Haken was appointed as Chair.

5.4 At that meeting, the Working Group considered the purpose and role of the Group and agreed to examine the following as part of the review:

- review single plastic usage within the council and council owned facilities;
- promotion of the recycling service;
- work with and influence partners to promote and encourage less use of single use plastic items;
- consider the development of a pledge.

It is anticipated that a further 4 meetings will be required.

5.5 The Working Group will be supported by Mark Trillo (Executive Director (People) and Monitoring Officer) and Nicola Kemp (Head of Service Commissioning) along with officers from other departments as appropriate.

5.6 The Committee is requested to appoint members to the Working Group, ideally on a politically balanced basis.

**MARK TRILLO**  
**Executive Director (People) and Monitoring Officer**