

Llangollen Town Council.

Title:	Single-use Plastics Policy.
Purpose:	To detail the Town Council's policies and procedures in respect to eliminating plastic waste
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1.0 Purpose and Scope.

- 1.1 Llangollen Town Council currently has a commitment to plastic-free alternatives and plastic-free initiatives.
- 1.2 The aim is to reduce the single-use plastic items used across Town Council owned buildings and facilities.

2.0 Policy Statement.

- 2.1 Plastic waste is one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world today. The UK government estimates that there are currently more than 150m tonnes of plastic in the world's oceans, and that some 100,000 sea mammals and one million birds die from eating or becoming tangled in plastic waste each year.
- 2.2 Situated within the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal which received its inscription from UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 2009 and the Clwydian range and Dee valley AONB the Town Council primary function in implementing this policy is to support initiatives that mitigate the effect of single use plastics in terms of their impacts within these designated landscapes and to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area.
- 2.3 The council will work towards minimising use of single-use plastics across its own operations and services and by all staff and pro-actively work with partners to find positive solutions for reducing unnecessary waste plastics across the city.

3.0 Definitions.

- 3.1 Single-use plastics can include any disposable plastic item which is designed to be used only once e.g. plastic bags, disposable utensils, beverage containers, coffee capsules, wet wipes, razor blades, plastic drinks bottles, food wrappers, bottle tops, straws, stirrers and plastic lids.

4.0 Implementation of Plastic Free Policy.

- 4.1 To support Llangollen Town Council becoming a single-use plastics free town, the Town Council commits to:

- Work with staff to ensure that single-use plastics are eliminated across Town Council offices
- Support schools and communities in their efforts to make their buildings plastic-free zones.
- Work with event organisers to eliminate single-use plastics across all events held on Town Council land and share guidance for this more widely.
- Support communities and litter-pick initiatives to ensure our parks, beaches and open spaces are free from plastic litter.
- Use government legislation that regulates against the use of single-use plastics to support Town Council efforts (where possible).
- Require Town Council suppliers to minimise the use of single-use plastics in their service provision and find sustainable alternatives (where appropriate).
- Where the use of plastics is unavoidable, the Town Council will encourage the use of recycled plastics, where practicable, and support manufacturers that make products from locally sourced waste plastics.
- Work with partners in joint ventures and innovative projects for reducing single-use plastic waste.
- Share best practice and information about plastic free initiatives, to residents, businesses, visitors through the Town Council's social media and communication channels.

4.2 The Town Council will work to embed these commitments into the sustainable events guidance, sustainable procurement policy, and into other key council strategies, policies and plans.