

Report for Nantwich Town Council Policy Committee

Item 5

Date of Meeting: 11th March 2021

Plastic Reduction Policy

1. Purpose of Report

To consider proposals for the introduction of a Plastic Reduction Policy.

2. Background

In November 2019 the Town Council considered the request for support from the Plastic Free Nantwich group which would require a resolution by the Town Council of its support, the development of a Town Council Plastic reduction policy and for a member of the Town Council to be represented on the Plastic Free group. The Town Council resolved to support Plastic Free Nantwich, to develop a reduction policy and to nominate Councillor David Greaves as a representative of the Town Council on the Plastic Free Nantwich Steering Group.

As a result of the Town Council support the approved Corporate Plan also has an action to develop such a policy.

3. Considerations

The Town Clerk, having previous experience in implementing a plastic reduction policy has drafted the attached policy for consideration by members. Members are also asked to consider the guidance provided by the Plastic Free Nantwich Steering Group (attached) to aid their consideration and ensure the draft policy meets the requirements of the guidance.

4. Recommendations

4.1 That members considered the attached policy and recommend adoption to Full Council.

5. Financial Implications

There would be no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

6. Equalities Impact

There would be no equalities impact as a result of this report.

7. Personnel Implications

There would be no personnel implications as a result of this policy.

8. Environmental implications

Because plastic materials persist and pollute long after their intended use, it has become clear that there is no such thing as “end of life” for plastics.

Depending on how plastic is handled, it may pose a significant threat to the environment and to the climate when it reaches the waste phase of its life-cycle.

The adoption of a Plastic Reduction Policy will go some way to aiding the environment.

9. Consultation

The adoption of such a policy will allow for great involvement with the community and its residents.