

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000275
Date 25 April 2019

Office Hydration and Single Use Plastic Schemes

Request:

I am writing to politely request the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):

- Does the Council have a specific policy relating to single-use plastic usage at premises owned or leased out to 3rd parties? If so, please provide further details.

No.

Single use plastic usage is not evaluated when leasing commercial business premises to private occupiers.

Does the Council have a specific policy relating to single-use plastic usage among Council staff and elected officials?

No

If so, please provide further details.

- Is the Council engaged with any local initiatives to reduce single-use plastic?
The Council is signed up to the Refill scheme

Our café has changed its plastic food packaging in a bid to become more environmentally friendly.

WV Café, has made the switch by replacing their disposable plastic products, such as salad bowls and yoghurt pots, with compostable alternatives.

Vegware are the new suppliers of the environmentally friendly food containers which are made from renewable, lower carbon or recycled materials and can be recycled with food waste where acceptable.

The Edinburgh-based eco packaging firm, has become the UK's first ever packaging company whose entire product range is compostable and therefore suitable for organics recycling.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

If so, please provide further details.

Please see link provided below:

<https://refill.org.uk/>

- Does the Council currently provide ample refill water stations for use by staff and visitors at premises owned or leased out to 3rd parties? If so, please provide further details.

Yes, integrated zip taps in kitchen areas and water coolers in some Council buildings. Also, the Council has signed up to the Refill Scheme, please see link provided below:

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/businesses-urged-turn-taps-and-sign-refill-scheme>