



<b>Subject:</b>	Motion: Single Use Plastics – Responses from major Supermarkets in Belfast
<b>Date:</b>	21st June, 2019
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider the responses which have been received from Asda, Marks and Spencer, Lidl, Tesco and Sainsbury's in relation to the Council's motion on single use plastics.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the responses and take any such action as may be determined.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>

<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 4th February, passed the following motion on the use of Single Use Plastics by supermarkets, which had been proposed by Councillor McReynolds and seconded by Councillor McAllister:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“This Council acknowledges the damage caused by single use plastics across the earth; welcomes the leadership of Iceland in introducing a plastic return scheme here in Belfast; acknowledges, with the responsibility of waste collection under our remit, that we must come up with innovative ways to reduce the use of single use plastics; and, agrees to write to the major supermarkets in Belfast to ask what steps they are taking to manage, reduce and reuse single use flexible plastics.”</p> <p>Letters were forwarded subsequently to Asda, Marks and Spencer, Lidl, Tesco and Sainsbury’s in relation to the motion.</p> <p>A response has now been received from each supermarket, copies of which are attached to this report.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note the responses from each retailer and determine if it wishes to take any further action in relation to this subject.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Responses from the five major supermarkets in Belfast</p>