

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	17 February 2022
Report By:	Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Report No:	LS/016/22
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Subject:	Request regarding the cessation of providing the sale or provision of single use plastic bottles – Request by Councillor McCabe on behalf of the Inverclyde Literati Group		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of a request received from Councillor McCabe on behalf of the Inverclyde Literati Group in relation to the cessation of providing the sale or provision of single use plastic bottles.
- 1.2 The terms of Councillor McCabe's request are set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council considers the request by Councillor McCabe on behalf of the Inverclyde Literati Group.

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APPENDIX 1

Following COP 26, Inverclyde Council is aware that we all need to take more responsibility for what we do to our environment. We know that across the UK 7.7 billion single use bottles are used each year and 1 million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute.

Inverclyde Council currently sells drinks in single use bottles, which contribute to this vast wastage of plastic and litter. As a council, we recognize the detrimental effect that this is having on our environment and our precious biodiversity, and also, the mixed messages that it is sending to our young people.

Consequently, Inverclyde Council believes that it must now lead by example and will become a zero-single-use-bottle council. To accomplish this, Inverclyde Council will cease to sell or provide single issue plastic bottles in any of its public premises, such as Inverclyde Leisure, schools and nurseries. Furthermore, in conjunction with Scottish Water, it will seek to increase the number of water points for people to refill their reusable bottles.

In addition, Inverclyde Council will consider practical and financial incentives to support local businesses to find ways in which they can also back this initiative.