

Questions pursuant to Council Procedure 10.1

The following question has been received, on notice, from members of the public:

Question

From Zoe Tipple & Kayleigh Seal, on behalf of Unsealed Eco Refill Store, The Grove, Clacton-on-Sea, to Councillor Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council:

“In the Council’s published Tending Climate Emergency action plan 2020 - 2023 it states that:-

“In 2019 the Leader of Council made a commitment to become single use plastic free by the end of 2020. Whilst an internal campaign was commenced this target is likely to be delayed due to the impact of COVID-19 and the resultant and necessary purchase of cleaning and hand sanitising products, all of which are in plastic bottles. Nonetheless efforts towards meeting this target will continue.”

We have signed up to the Surfers against Sewage (SAS) Plastic Free Communities initiative and one of the many objectives to achieve before receiving official Plastic Free Community status is to have the support of our local council. Our objective states...

‘Local council makes a resolution to support our local plastic free community.

Council motion to state that the council will lead by example and phase out single use plastic.

Council motion states council will support plastic free initiatives in the area.’

In light of the statement by Councillor Neil Stock regarding the Council’s single use plastic free pledge would the Council pass a resolution to support our efforts to become a Plastic Free Community and pass the motion to lead by example and support plastic free initiatives in the area?”