

| SUP Work Programme 2023/2024 | | | |
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| Commitment 1: Show leadership in supporting and implementing reductions in SUPs | | | |
| Objectives: | Timeline | Action required | Responsibility |
| Commit to reducing the environmental impact of avoidable* single-use plastics used on the public sector in Greater Manchester by 2024. | 2019 | Plastic Pact formally signed to reduce the range and quantities of avoidable SUP items used on the public estate. SUP commitment included in Climate Action Plans. | All |
| Deliver pilot initiatives and projects to promote and encourage alternative practices and behaviours to reduce the use of SUPs | 2019 | Identify pilot LAs and local business partners to support and show leadership in providing publicly accessible water fountains across GM. Launch GM Green Compostable carrier bag scheme in GM. | GMCA, Pilot LAs, United Utilities, City to Sea |
| Encourage positive action in reduction of SUPS to businesses and the wider community in GM by sharing and promoting best practice, raising awareness, and providing advice and guidance. | 2019 | Launch Plastic Free GM campaign to support behaviour change including raising awareness of the issue, educating residents and businesses about the problem and solutions, directing people to specific actions with clear benefits. | GMCA with FoE, Open Kitchen |
| Support the delivery of Government policy and legislation to reduce the environmental impact of SUPs. | 2020 onwards | Keep abreast and respond to Government consultations relating to SUPs and provide briefing notes to partner authorities. Support implementation of Government DRS scheme to improve on-the-go collection and recycling infrastructure and provide advice and guidance to businesses and the wider community. | GMCA with LA involvement |
| Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives and projects to encourage and deliver positive action and behaviour change in the reduction of SUPs. | 2023 | Develop monitoring and evaluation framework including re-running data analysis on catering spend in SUPs to monitor progress on prevention and reduction. | All |
| Report on progress. | 2023 - 2024 | Regular reporting to be established to WLT, Green City Partnership and Waste and Resources Committee. | GMCA led - ALL |

| Commitment 2: Share data, knowledge, insights and best practice | | | |
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| Explore opportunities for GMCA and partner authorities/organisations to take positive action and use its influence to reduce the impact of avoidable SUPs. | 2019 | Deliver a public sector plastics workshop to identify key challenges, current initiatives, priority actions, and targets that will form part of a Plastic Pact for GM. | GMCA led - All |
| Review purchasing practices across GM public sector in common areas of procurement. | 2020 | Undertake a feasibility and spend analysis study across GM public sector catering with a view to providing specific recommendations on removal, reduction and replacement of commonly used SUPs. | GMCA with Heads of Procurement and Catering Leads across ALL |
| Support delivery of the commitments under the Plastic Pact through knowledge sharing, data capture and individual actions. | 2022 - 2024 | SUP task and finish group to be established under the GM Environment Plan mission based approach. | GMCA led - All |
| Support positive action and behaviour change by learning from best practice. | 2023 onwards | Explore best practice in reducing SUPs in the public sector and beyond. | All |
| Commitment 3: Procurement – review processes, embed sustainability criteria in social value, and provide carbon literacy training. | | | |
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| Embed sustainability criteria in social value. | 2022 | Review social value framework to include promotion of environmental sustainability criteria. | GMCA |
| Develop a common and consistent approach to identifying and targeting avoidable SUPs in the purchasing of catering and consumables across GM public sector. | 2022 | Initiate a review to analyse purchasing practice of avoidable SUPs in catering across GM public sector. | GMCA led - All |
| Support the removal and reduction of SUPs arising from public sector procurement of goods and services across GM. | 2023 | Look to provide carbon literacy training to all staff involved in procuring activities. | GMCA led - All |
| | By end 2023 | Develop sustainable procurement toolkit for SUPs to assist procurement decision and buying behaviour including training to upskill employees in the use of the toolkit. | GMCA led - All |

| Commitment 4: Support new initiatives to reduce SUPs and increase recycling and reuse. | | | |
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| Launch first city-wide campaign to support positive behaviour change amongst residents and businesses in reducing consumption of SUPs. | 2019 - 2024 | Develop and launch PlasticFreeGM campaign to ask businesses and individuals to pledge to take action to reduce avoidable SUPs across Greater Manchester. | GMCA led - All |
| Support new initiatives to increase recycling and reuse across Greater Manchester. | 2021 - 2024 | Launch Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) community fund to support Greater Manchester community and voluntary sector groups to deliver projects aimed at reducing household waste, increasing recycling and encouraging reuse. Launch GM Renew initiative to increase reuse across the city region. | GMCA led - All |
| Explore feasibility of rolling out GM water fountain scheme across publicly owned sites. | 2023 - 2024 | Explore opportunities to expand water fountain installation across GM for use by members of the public. | GMCA led - All |
| Explore opportunity to expand and develop Refill network across GM to support people to reduce, reuse and refill. | 2023 - 2024 | Explore opportunities to promote and endorse the Refill initiative across the city-region including new support package for public sector schemes. | All |
| Explore initiatives to reduce SUPs at events/markets to encourage reuse and avoidance of SUPs. | 2023 - 2024 | Review current licensing arrangements for GM based events to explore implementation of mandatory minimum standards. Explore feasibility of introducing a GM re-usable cup scheme and share best practice. | All |
| Explore initiatives to reduce consumption of plastic packaging across partner authorities. | 2023 - 2024 | | All |
| Commitment 5: Raise awareness of commitments with staff, suppliers and wider community | | | |
| Objectives: | Timeline | Action required | Responsibility |
| Raise awareness of our commitments under the Plastic Pact amongst staff to influence and change behaviour and demonstrate action being taken across partner authorities (walk the talk). | Sept 2023 onwards | Communications and engagement resources/toolkit to be developed for partner authorities to support and raise awareness of the commitments made under the Plastic Pact. | GMCA led - All |
| Raise awareness amongst suppliers to influence and change behaviour. | 2023-2024 | Engage with suppliers and stakeholders to support supply of sustainable packaging and consumables. | GMCA, Growth Company, All |
| Raise awareness and provide support amongst the wider community (including businesses, caterers, licensed premises and event organisers) to influence and change behaviour on reducing SUPs day-to-day. | 2019 onwards July 2023 - SUP stakeholder toolkit - new laws | Build on communications and engagement through current channels, utilising the Plastic Free GM campaign brand and GM Green City website. | GMCA led - All |