

# Climate change, single use plastic & waste



1 in 3 Tents have been left, abandoned, and destined for landfill or incineration. Approx 350,000 tents



**The 'Attenborough Effect' has made people more conscious about plastic use**      Reportedly a 53% reduction single plastic use

# Climate emergency declarations

- Bristol City Council
- Bath & North East Somerset Council
- University of Bristol
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## Bristol plans to become carbon neutral by 2030

Decision gives city the most ambitious emissions targets of UK's core cities group



▲ Green party councillor Carla Denyer welcomed the decision as a fantastic day for Bristol. Photograph: Carolyn Eaton/Getty Images

**Bristol** has declared a “climate emergency”, with the council unanimously backing a commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030 in an effort to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown.

# Bristol City Council

- Established an officer led single use plastics action group, with representatives from relevant teams across the council, such as facilities management, sustainability, parks and environmental performance (+others).
- Hot drinks in the Cash Hall café are no longer served in disposable cups, instead customers are required to bring their own reusable cup or they can use a china mug if drinking in the Cash Hall.
- The Cash Hall café and other venues have stopped selling cold drinks in plastic bottles.
- Plastic water cups in the Cash Hall and Council meetings have been replaced with glasses where possible (some meetings require non-glass cups for safety reasons)
- Plastic water coolers have been removed from City Hall meeting rooms and another plumbed in drinking fountain has been installed. There are now 2 Refill points on the first floor of City Hall available to the public.
- A mandatory action for obtaining bronze in the Bristol Eating Better Awards has been included which requires food traders to encourage their customers to use reusable packaging (and therefore cut down on single use).
- Via the SUP action group we're looking at the use of single-use plastics across the council's activities, for example in parks, markets and events, and are exploring ways to reduce/phase out.
- We're also going to be making improvements to the recycling facilities in City Hall and 100 Temple Street to reduce contamination and increase participation.

# University of Bath

- Carbon emissions down 22% since 2005 which covers a period of significant growth for the University. Emissions per m2 building floor down 42% over the same period. The procurement of new buildings using BREEAM (building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology) will directly contribute to this achievement. A review of our carbon strategy and targets is underway.
- University continues to operate with 100% green renewable electricity supply across the whole estate. Procurement support the use of energy framework where electricity is bought on a green renewables tariff. The University also produces some of its own electricity through a growing system of photovoltaic panels.
- The University won a gold award for Best Fairtrade University at the South West Fairtrade Business Awards in 2018 and 2019 in recognition of our commitment to ethical and responsible food sourcing.
- The University continues to run campaigns such as 'Leave No Trace' which aims to reduce the number of disposable food and drink containers; and 'Student Switch Off' which is an international campaign aiming to reduce our carbon footprint and its contribution to climate change.

# University of Bristol

Progress to date in catering, we have allot more happening in other areas as well as well as the publication of a plastics plan later this month.

Removal of all single use plastics from delivered catering, moved to Vegware.

Banned plastic straws in April 2018

Sell at cost Keep Cup and Stainless steel water bottles at cost to staff and students, saving nearly 60,000 disposables single implementation in 2014

Over 61% of ALL hot drinks sold at UOB in April 2019 are in reusable cups compared to 41% in November 2017

Removed all plastic water bottles from café sales in Feb 2019

Plans for two zero waste food facilities, using only reusable containers

# What all this means for suppliers

- Clear focus on single use plastics – bags, bottles, cups, etc
  - As a supplier – how is your packaging reflecting plastics reduction?
- Carbon emissions
  - As a supplier – how are you transporting goods; Skype calls instead of travelling to meetings
- Food waste in offices
  - As a supplier – does this just go in a landfill bin/what collection arrangements are in place?