Single Use Plastic Reduction Plan for the Isle of Man Community
In July 2018, the Single Use Plastic Reduction Plan for the Isle of Man Government was launched, setting out plans to significantly reduce single use plastic across government. Sustainability champions within each department are now taking this forward and driving change to substantially remove single use plastics across the public service.

Plastic pollution is a critical issue and one that negatively impacts the environment, wildlife and, potentially, our own health. Around 50% of all plastic produced is single use and, as such, represents an unsustainable use of oil, which is a finite resource. Plastic production also makes a significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and this plan is a step towards achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Our consumption of plastic is set to significantly increase over the next decade if no substantial changes are made. Here, we introduce a plan to reduce single use plastic across our community.

Tackling the climate change emergency is a Government priority and Tynwald has committed to delivering a climate change action plan to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. This will be delivered through a Climate Change Bill, for which we expect to have Royal Assent by early 2021.

As part of that Bill our focussed action on plastic waste will move us forward to substantially eliminate the use of single use plastics.

Our Government has committed to engaging all sectors of society to reduce their use of single use plastic and I introduce this Single Use Plastic Reduction Plan for the Isle of Man Community with the expectation that we will all continue to actively work together to cherish our environment.

Chief Minister
Hon. Howard Quayle MHK

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<td>Plastic debris from the fishing industry entering our oceans and waterways</td>
<td>Encourage the fishing industry to dispose of their waste and end of life gear appropriately</td>
<td>Reinvigorate the existing Fishing for Litter Scheme, working closely with the Manx Fish Producers Organisation and the Manx fishing fleet</td>
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<td>Micro-plastics entering the world’s oceans</td>
<td>Reduce micro-plastics entering the ocean from our Island</td>
<td>A legislative ban on the manufacture, sale and distribution of rinse-off personal care products that contain plastic micro beads</td>
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<td>Low worldwide recycling rates for plastic.</td>
<td>Encourage our community to recycle more plastic and encourage manufacturers/retailers to produce stock products with higher recycled content</td>
<td>As a matter of urgency, DOI and DEFRA will engage with the Local Authorities to progress the recycling action plan for household waste which takes account of the Island’s unique situation and therefore balances the practical, financial, environmental and carbon footprint aspects of all the recyclable household waste streams</td>
<td>The action plan with up to date clear targets, will be finalised over the next 12 months</td>
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<td>Plastic production is 3 pounds of CO₂ produced 1 lb.</td>
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<td>Consider a levy on beverage bottles that contain less than 30% recycled plastic content</td>
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<td>1 in every 10 barrels of oil is used to create new plastic</td>
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<td>A public consultation on the potential for a bottle return scheme on the Island</td>
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Cotton buds
Cutlery and straws
Food wrappers
Food containers
Plastic fragments and polystyrene
Fishing gear

More than 8 million tonnes of plastic waste enters the ocean every year: one truck load every minute.

Plastic pollution affects fish or wildlife through choking, ingestion or entanglement.

The 5 Rs of waste reduction:
REFUSE
REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
RECOVER

How you can make a difference:

• Use reusable items
• Avoid flushing down plastics
• Say no to single use plastics
• Join Beach Buddies or 3 Pieces Of Plastic

80% of marine plastics come from land.

Plastic litter can blow into rivers, which transport plastic pollution into the sea.

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*data collected by Beach Buddies (2017-2018)