

Tackling the Plastics Challenge in Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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We are Greater Manchester:
the 10 councils, the Mayor, the
NHS, transport, police service,
fire service, business, and the
community and voluntary
sector.

All working together.

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GM Priorities – 5yr Environment Plan

Reduce CO2 emissions from energy we generate

Improve air quality – transport and travel

Look at how we heat our homes, workplaces and public buildings

Protect and maintain our Natural Environment

Be prepared for climate change – resilience and adaptation

Production and consumption of resources

Path to circularity, increased recycling and reduction in waste. Particular issues with **plastic** and food **waste**



UK Policy on plastics

- Pledge to meet or exceed EU regulations
- 5p charge on plastic bags introduced which has now increased to 10p
- Revised Extended Producer Responsibility scheme
- 2022 - Plastic packaging tax
- 2025 – All plastic to be recyclable, reusable or compostable
- 2030 – 75% recycling rate for packaging
- 2024/5 – Introduction of Deposit Return Scheme & consistent collections
- UK Plastic Pact



GM action on plastics

- Plastic Free GM Campaign
- Public Sector Plastic Pact
- Education Plastic Pledge
- New initiatives to reduce Single Used Plastics (SUP)
- Innovation & research to inform policy - moving to a Circular Economy

#PlasticFree^{GM}

Be part of a positive change

Reducing the impact of avoidable single-use plastics in Greater Manchester in the Tourism and Hospitality industry



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- Blue planet effect
- Follows the waste hierarchy
- Works in partnership
- Advice, guidance and support – website, fact sheets, 8 step-guide, purchasing power
- Where are we now?

Roadmap

Objective 1: Identify quick wins to reduce avoidable SUPs through waste prevention and reuse models

Objective 2: Identify additional SUPs than can be removed, reduced or replaced with sustainable alternatives

Objective 3: Support the development of a common approach to sustainable procurement

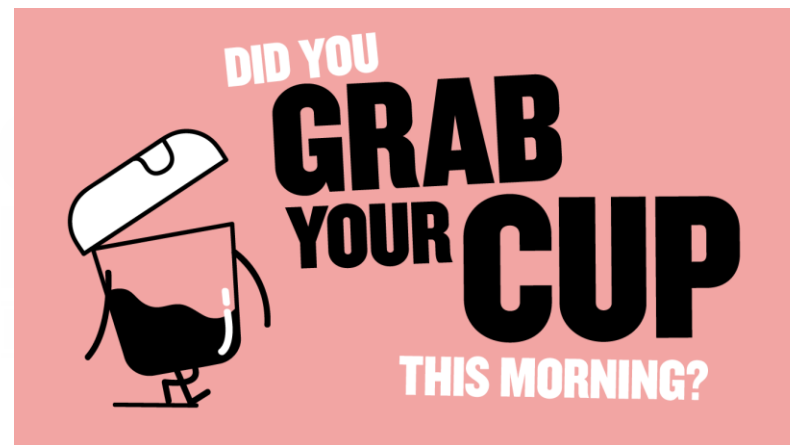


Objective 4: Deliver initiatives to change behaviour and reduce consumption of SUPs

New Initiatives introduced by the GMCA

GM Plastic Pact

Pledge to eradicate the use of avoidable single-use plastics from the public sector in Greater Manchester by 2024



- Circular thinking
- Innovation and investment
- Government support
- Everyone to take action



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