

**NOTICE OF MOTION - RECYCLING**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor M. Glass:

Council Notes

There is a huge national issue regarding the disposal and recycling of take away hot beverage cups and plastic bottles. Nationally 7 million coffee cups are used every day, that equates to 2.5bn per annum. The number of plastic bottles ending in up landfills is estimated to be 22bn pa or 60m every single day. These cups and bottles are often found discarded in every imaginable place other than in waste bins.

Herein lies the main problem. Hot beverage cups are lined with plastic to make them leakproof. As such these cups cannot be recycled in the normal way with only 1% being correctly recycled. Therefore most of these cups will end up on landfill sites where they will take hundreds of years to decompose. Whilst decomposing the plastic breaks down into tiny microplastics that will be ingested by animals and humans and as such is a health hazard.

There are currently only three recycling plants in the country with the facility to separate the plastic element from the paper cup. The cup itself is made from virgin pulp which takes longer to break down than ones made from recycled pulp.

Council resolves

That the Leader asks the County Council to examine the feasibility of introducing separate plastic bottle and beverage cup waste collection points into Bromsgrove's main Centre's and that the County Council investigates how it will return these containers to the correct recycling plants.