

Water Fountains and Waste & Resource Strategy Update

Cllr Budge Wells

Water Fountains

Background

- Query from a young resident
- Positive effects to reduce single use plastic bottle usage and consumption of sugary, fizzy drinks.

Key Considerations

- Suitable locations
- Perception may discourage use
- Design
- Installation/ Maintenance
- Costs

Water Fountains

Other Local Authority Projects

- Mainly large metropolitan areas for maximum usage
- Joint initiatives with water company and charities.

Alternatives

- Refill initiatives

Discussion

Resources & Waste Strategy

Background

- Defra's new strategy "Our Waste, Our Resources"
- Published 18th December
- Includes sustainable production, consumer action, waste management, waste crime, innovation.
- Several consultations, 4 launched 18th Feb

Greater Consistency

- All LA's to collect a core set of recyclable materials
- All LA's to collect food waste
- All LA's to offer a free garden waste collection

Resources & Waste Strategy

Deposit Return Scheme (for drinks containers)

- Includes plastic bottles, glass bottles and cans
- Potential to reduce volumes collected at the kerbside by CBC and reduce income for the council

Extended Producer Responsibility (for packaging waste)

- Considering full net cost recovery of dealing with packaging waste for LA's (link in with DRS)

Plastic Packaging Tax

- For packaging with less than 30% recycled content

Resources & Waste Strategy

Next Steps

- Team is attending industry meetings and workshops
- Council intend to respond on our own behalf to set out impacts on CBC
- Support submissions from national industry bodies
- Deadlines 12th/13th May

Questions?