

Council – 22nd February 2018

Notice of Motion: Drinking Water / Plastic Pollution

We note the growing concern about plastic pollution of our land and seas. We further note that discarded water bottles contribute to the large volume of waste in our public areas that the council is responsible for disposing of.

Water UK, the industry body representing water companies, is launching a national drinking water scheme to encourage shops, cafes and businesses to provide free refill points to dispense drinking water. Some local authorities are providing public water refill points.

We believe that Southend, as a tourist destination particularly popular in hot weather, would benefit from implementing this scheme.

We ask that the Council work in partnership to promote the availability of water refill points in Southend and give consideration to ways to provide public access to drinking water, in order to reduce the use and disposal of plastics in our town.

Proposed: Cllr Ian Gilbert

Seconded: Cllr Helen McDonald