Tackling the Plastics Challenge in Greater Manchester

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All working together.

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Our vision is for Greater Manchester to be one of the best places in the world to **grow up**, **get on** and **grow older**.

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GM Priorities – 5yr Environment Plan

Reduce CO_2 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**

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UK Policy on plastics

- Pledge to meet or exceed EU regulations
- 5p charge on plastic bags introduced
- Revised EPR scheme
- 2022 - Plastic packaging tax
- 2025 – All plastic to be recyclable, reusable or compostable
- 2030 – 75% recycling rate for packaging
- DRS scheme & consistent collections
- UK Plastic Pact

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GM action on plastics

- Plastic Free GM Campaign
- Public Sector Plastic Pact
- Education Plastic Pledge
- New initiatives to reduce SUPs
- Innovation & research to inform policy - moving to a Circular Economy

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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?

Plastic Pact

Pledge: 'We will help to eradicate the use of avoidable single-use plastics from the public sector in Greater Manchester by 2024. With support, we will review our practices, and make more sustainable choices about the products we use, and the way we deliver our services.'

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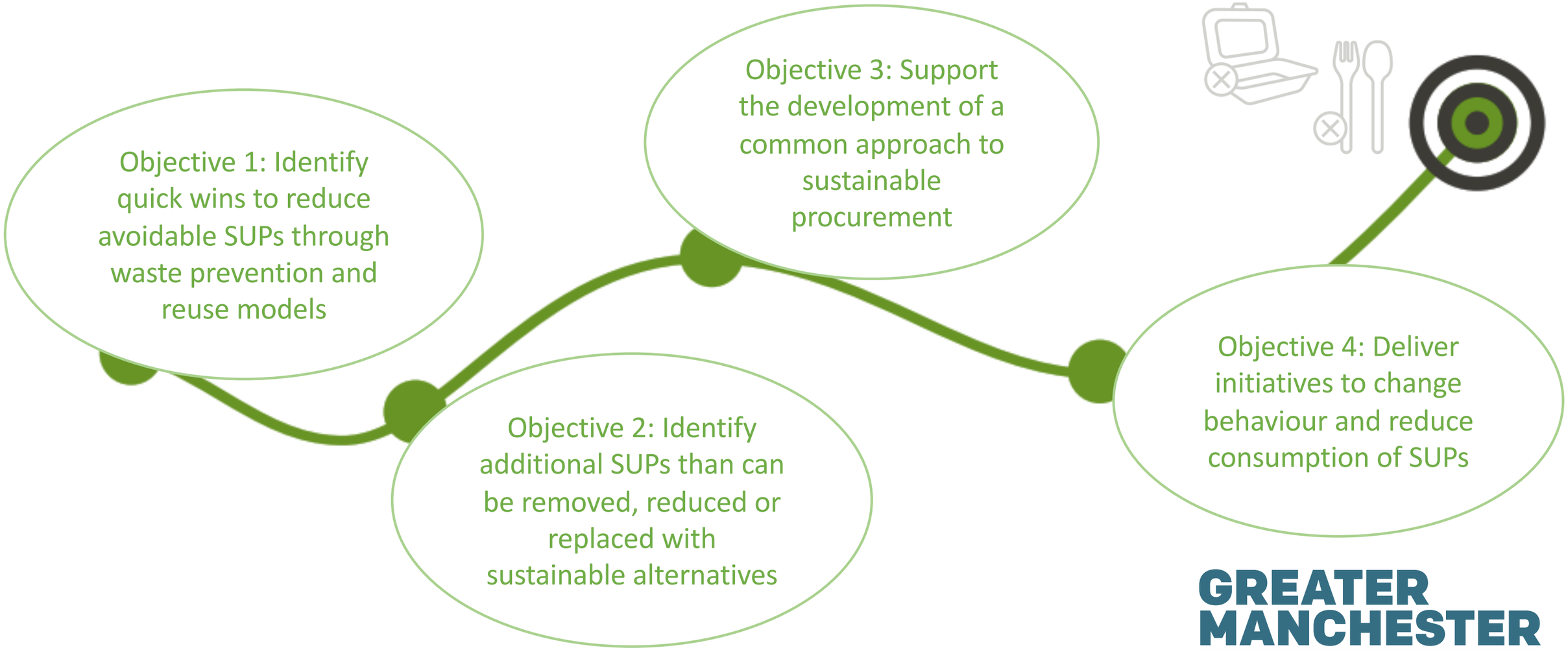
Roadmap



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Action

1. Quick wins

Swap from single use beverage to cordials and syrups

Free water/water refill points

Stop the use of disposables for eating-in

Replace single-use sachets and pots

Replace plastic window takeaway bags

Introduce a levy on disposable cups across the GM LA estate

2. Remove/reduce/replace

Undertake a spend analysis across common areas of GM procurement

Review sustainable alternatives to plastics

Consult with suppliers to introduce minimum level of recycled content

Work with GM manufacturers, suppliers and distributors to take positive action

3. Sustainable procurement

Support the development of a local supply in GM

Development of model wording to support framework renewal and framework tender call-off

Deliver carbon literacy training for all staff involved in procurement

4. New initiatives

Short-list, prioritise and recruit GM authorities to pilot projects.

Monitor, evaluate and disseminate impacts of positive behaviour change to reduce consumption of SUPs and plastic packaging

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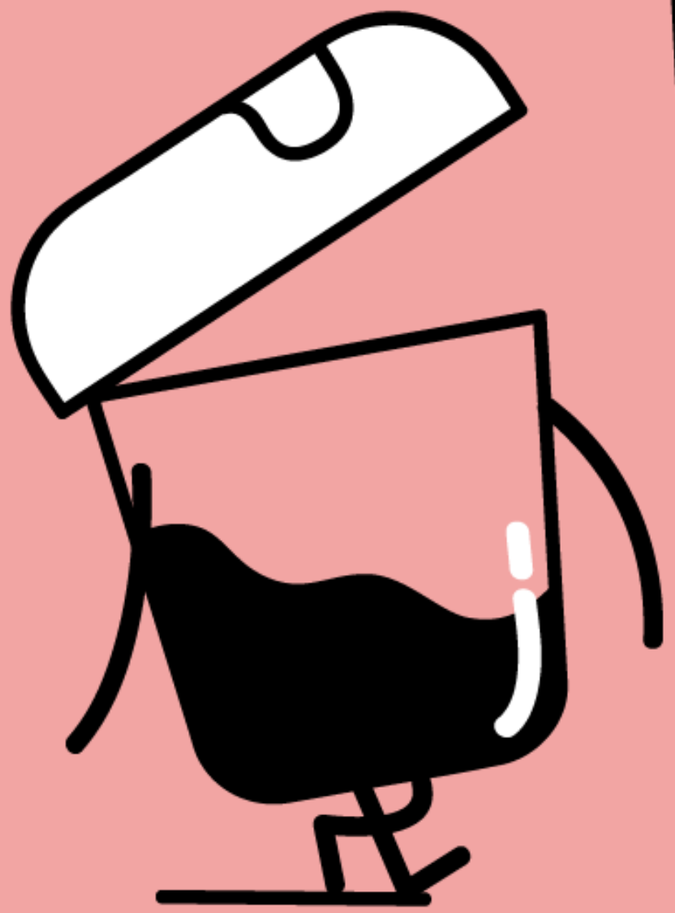
DID YOU GRAB YOUR CUP

THIS MORNING?



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- Dual-use
- Fully compostable
- Cost neutral
- Available to retailers in GM

www.greencarrierscheme.org

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

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