

**Fife Council Single-Use Plastics register**

**Last updated: September 2021**

Material	Main identified uses	Items purchased 2018	Items purchased 2019	Change 2018 - 2019	Items purchased 2020	Service (main users)	Status	Notes on changes	Actions taken	Action taken date	Potential future actions	Future action date
Gloves	PPE for hygiene control, food handling and reducing Covid transmission		2,910,500	NA	9,133,651	Social Work, Education & Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	Figure does not include gloves purchased by H&SC staff from May 2020 when gloves were supplied from NSS Hub. Procurement does not hold this data. It is likely that this figure will remain unchanged or in fact increase since Care Teams are now purchasing gloves via Fife Council Central supplies			To be determined	Oct-22
Document labels	Labelling documents & equipment, mailing	1,558,000	1,479,000	-79,000	2,210,023	More than one service	Covid Impacted	This figure includes labels used for stationery purposes as well as food labelling. This figure may increase due to the introduction of Natasha's law in August 2021 (food allergen labelling is now mandatory)			To be determined	Oct-22
Plastic bags	Domestic waste collection, street cleaning and waste collection within Fife Council serviced buildings	1,894,000	1,157,000	-737,000	4,645,230	Parks, Streets & Open Spaces, Waste Operations & Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	This figure includes refuse sacks, bin liners and takeaway carrier bags. The increase is likely due to the increased food packaging and medical waste being collected in all areas of the Council			Investigation and trial of thinner plastic bags for domestic waste collection and street cleaning	Oct-22

Cutlery	Meals eaten outside of school canteens and cafes	1,466,000	627,000	-839,000	1,885,000	Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	This figure has increased due to the increase in takaway food service being provided as an impact of the pandemic. Wooden cutlery is preferred, however, due to supply chain issues during the pandemic, we needed to take whatever was available to allow continuity of service. The decision to move to wooden cutlery may also be impacted with timber supply issues that are being experienced globally	Plastic teaspoons and stirrers are replaced with reusable metal and wooden stirrers  ONFife have compostable cutlery in one venue, with further improvements to follow	Oct-19	Investigate moving from compostables to wooden
Wet wipes	Desk cleaning and within cafes/canteens	557,320	526,000	-31,320	42,909,272	Social Work, Facilities Management & Education	Covid Impacted	these are the number of wipes and not tubs used. The increase is due to the increased need to sanitise equipment in classrooms and offices etc, is this the information you are looking for? Still waiting for MI from our first aid supplier (Wallace Cameron - Jade))			To be determined  Oct-22
Food packaging (sauce sachets)	Provision of sauces at cafes and school canteens		376,500	NA	298,050	Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	includes sauce sachets and milk portions			To be determined Oct-22
Laminating pouches	Outdoor posters and legal notices (planning notices and street closures)	263,400	275,000	11,600	436,100	More than one service	Covid Impacted	Includes Laminate rolls - increased usage due to signs required in schools, centres and corporate building			To be determined Oct-22
Food packaging (water/juice bottles)	Provision of drinks at cafes and school canteens		235,950	NA	77,768	Facilities Management	To be investigated				To be determined Oct-22

Plastic cups	Provision of takeaway hot drinks in cafes and school coffee bars	152,000	230,000	78,000	267,000	Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	Includes cup lids. Potentially increased due to takaway food services in all areas including schools, nurseries and Out of School Clubs	Reusable cups available at cafes. Paper cups available at water coolers.  ONFife are using a compostable cup for takeaway drinks with further improvements to follow.	Investigation of suitable plastic free non-compostable cups Monitoring of actions taken	Oct-19	Oct-22
Sanitary products	Improved community/staff access to sanitary products. Nappies in nurseries.		211,000	NA	118,516	Facilities Management & Education	To be investigated				To be determined	Oct-22
Pinnies & aprons	PPE for hygiene control, food safety and social care		160,000	NA	2,545,569	Social Work, Education & Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	does not include aprons purchased by the NHS HOB for H&SC staff during the pandemic. Procurement does not hold this information			To be determined	Oct-22
Food containers – sandwich boxes	Provision of sandwiches in cafes and schools	76,000	37,000	-39,000	see below	Facilities Management	Covid Impacted		Replaced with compostable containers with further improvements to follow.	Investigation of suitable plastic free non-compostable sandwich boxes Monitoring of actions taken	Oct-19	Oct-22
Food containers – Salad box	Containers used for hot meals eaten outside of school canteens and cafes schools	66,200	35,000	-31,200	1,191,350	Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	Combined figure for salad, burger boxes and general containers (inc lids)	Replaced with compostable containers with further improvements to follow.	Investigation of suitable plastic free non-compostable salad boxes Monitoring of actions taken	Oct-19	Oct-22
Food containers – souffle pots	Serving cold foods such as granola, yoghurt and compote	50,000	17,500	-32,500	as above	Facilities Management	Covid Impacted		Replaced with compostable containers with further improvements to follow.	Investigation of suitable plastic free non-compostable souffle pots	Oct-19	Oct-22

Food packaging (yoghurts)	Yoghurts at cafes, school canteens and within care homes	32,800		NA	432,906	Facilities Management	Covid Impacted	potentially increased due to yogurt being a 'takeaway' dessert		To be determined	Oct-22
Cable ties	Erecting signage, tying electrical cables, vehicle repairs	37,400	29,000	-8,400	21,750	More than one service	Partially removed	Single use plastic cable ties no longer bought for putting up notices or signage Replaced with reusable cable ties and string.	Oct-19	Monitoring of actions taken	Ongoing
Straws	Drinks at cafes, school canteens and within care homes	18,000	24,000	6,000	11,500	Facilities Management	Partially removed	As explained above, this is likely to reduce when supply chain issues are improved. Council use alternative straws as a preference Removal of all single use plastic straws except on milk cartons. Straws cut from use in some locations or switched to reusable and compostable straws.	Oct-19	Contract with milk supplier ends February 2021. Investigating alternatives to straws on milk cartons.	Feb-23
Swabs	Statutory sampling for food & workplace safety	17,400	18,500	1,100	3,433	More than one service	To be investigated			To be determined	Oct-22
Plastic plates	Food at ad-hoc events		12,000		NA	3,600	Facilities Management	To be investigated using mostly paper for disposables		To be determined	Oct-22
Sticky tapes	Sticking together paper and other materials, school crafts and parceling	10,200	9,500	-700	9,859	More than one service	Covid Impacted	this includes sellotape, packaging tape and hazrd tape. Increase in volume is likely to be due to increase in takeaway service (food packaging) and separation of areas for social distancing purposes.		To be determined	Oct-22
Overalls	PPE for work in dirty and/or hazardous areas (e.g. asbestos)	4,000	3,700	-300	2,730	More than one service	To be investigated			To be determined	Oct-22

Shoe covers	Floor protection in Leisure Centres	1,200	1,350	150	3,596	More than one service	To be investigated	Reusable overshoes available for visitors and contractors to Leisure Centres	Oct-20	Monitoring of actions taken	Ongoing
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