



Subject:	Motion – Provision of Water Refill Points
Date:	6th February, 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the Committee's attention a Motion regarding the provision of water refill points, which is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 1st February.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Key Issues The following motion on the provision of water refill points, which will be proposed by Councillor Milne and seconded by Councillor Kyle, is due to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 1st February:

“This Council notes that many cities in the UK and Ireland are taking action against plastic waste by implementing free water refill points. Notably, Bristol has been implementing a very successful refill scheme since 2015, and London has recently pledged to increase the availability of water refill points to help limit the amount of recyclable waste sent to landfill.

Not only will increasing the provision of free water refill points help reduce plastic waste, but increased access to water can contribute towards people living a healthier lifestyle.

The Council, therefore, agrees to assess the feasibility of implementing a bottle refill initiative. Additionally, it will write to the Belfast Chamber of Commerce seeking to determine whether local shops and businesses can work together to provide access to public drinking water. This could potentially increase footfall within local businesses and even further improve the public relations impact of our business community.”

In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion will be referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.

3.2 **Financial and Resource Implications**

None.

3.3 **Equality or Good Relations Implications**

None.

4.0 **Documents Attached**

None