

# Keeping it Green with Telford and Wrekin

APSE Soft FM Green Innovation Award Winners  
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# Supporting the council objectives

The council set-up a task force gathering members from all areas of **business** and **local schools** to become more **environmentally friendly** and **plastic free** by **2030**. Our **catering** and **cleaning** teams are strong advocates for **tackling climate change**.

As a service area we have not only been able to **deliver efficiencies** and more **sustainable services** in line with our local policies, but we have also been '**keeping it green**' by supporting both the government's **25 year plan** to improve the environment and the **UN's 13th Goal** to tackle climate change.

As a local authority, **we work together to achieve these outcomes**.

# Our Journey so far

Catering and Cleaning has been committed to climate change and the environment for over 10 years - it wasn't new to us! Our initiatives included:

- Environmental policies - both services
- Energy awareness campaign in buildings and school kitchens
- Environmentally friendly chemicals - both services (better cleaning)
- Fully compostable disposables - all kitchens and commercial catering
- 'Bronze Food for Life' Award
- Micro Fibre Cloths
- Local company in Telford reducing carbon footprint - bin Liners made from fully recycled plastic

## Cont'd...

- Green Achiever Award 2015 - cleaning
- Introduced reusable cup initiative - cafes and wider
- Waste oil collected by supplier and recycled into fuel
- Recycling corporate buildings/removing individual bins
- Introducing food waste bins corporate buildings
- We include environmental policies within our procurement process
- Reducing milk cartons in Café Go introducing 24 pint cartons
- Reduction in Clingfilm with a view to remove completely
- All vacuums made in the UK (reducing Carbon Footprint)
- Locally Sourced Suppliers - both services
- Energy efficient Dishwashers - working in partnership with other council partners



# Working with Schools

- All Telford schools have an ECO committee - we have worked closely with Hollinswood and Lightmoor Primary as they are the forerunners.
- Both schools contacted us to challenge our environmental commitment - they had looked at both catering and cleaning in particular.
- From this, meetings were held and they had challenging but relevant questions and views about what have they/we achieved together.
- We explained what we had already got in place and they were pleased that we had already started to make changes.
- Hollinswood has become 'Plastic Free' and was the first school in the county to receive the 'Plastic Free Award' - the panel will be presenting at the West Midlands LACA event.

# Cont'd...

- We changed individual fruit and yoghurt pots to decanting the fruit into bowls, and recycled large plastic catering containers for pen collections in council buildings.
- Lightmoor supported the change in recycled bin bags.
- Working to reduce the chemical range - enviro concentrates (Jangro)
- We both meet with school councils
- We have both worked with the individual schools to support the return in September trying to maintain the 'keeping it green' message
- This helps retain and gain new contracts as schools like to know what we are and can do to support their Climate Change agenda

# We will continue the journey-working together...

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# Thank you for listening

## Any questions?

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