

Questions for Full Council Monday 14th September, 2020

Question 4

Cllr. Ashraf to Cllr. Hallam

Can this council start thinking about introducing water refill stations and empty bottle deposit scheme?

Response

The Environmental Services team continue to follow the reverse vending machines initiative and Deposit Return Schemes are featured in the new Environment Bill, the Bill would give the powers to implement a DRS.

This does not mean that a DRS is certain, the Bill just enables one to be implemented if the Government decides they wish to go ahead with one. However, In response to written parliamentary questions, Defra recently confirmed that it will undertake the second of consultation on DRS. More recently, in Parliament, an early day motion for an 'all-in' DRS has been introduced by Ben Lake MP and supported by various parliamentarians. The motion is calling on the Government to introduce an all-in scheme in 2023 and incorporating as wide a selection of materials as possible.

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