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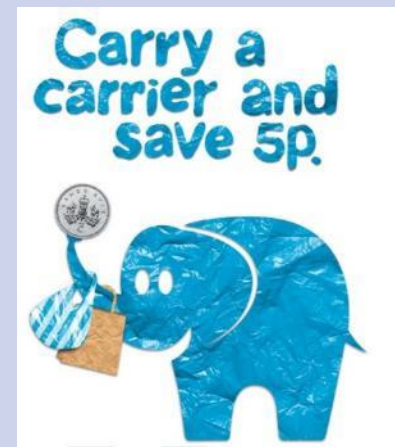
UK Measures to Address Plastic Waste

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Plastic waste is one of the great environmental scourges of our time. In the UK alone, the amount of single-use plastic wasted every year would fill 1,000 Royal Albert Halls: Theresa May



UK measures: Government



UK Measures: Community



Environment Secretary, Michael Gove:
Our ambition to eliminate avoidable plastic waste will only be realised if government, businesses and the public work together.

- The UK Plastics Pact is a trailblazing, voluntary initiative bringing together 42 businesses from across the plastics value chain with government and NGOs to tackle plastic waste and create a circular economy for plastics



International Measures



- UK committed to cooperating with our EU neighbours on the protection of the marine environment.
- UK will continue to collaborate internationally through OSPAR
- UK provided technical expertise to develop the G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter.
- UK is a signatory to the G7 5-Year Bologna Roadmap - addressing plastics leakage into the marine environment.



International Measures

- In June 2017 UK joined the UN Clean Seas Campaign
- At the recent Our Ocean conference we committed to join the Global Partnership on Marine Litter and the Global Ghost Gear Initiative.



Commonwealth measures



At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit in April, the Commonwealth Blue Charter was launched.

£61m package of funding to boost Commonwealth research on addressing the issue of plastic waste in the oceans. Under this package:

- £25m for Commonwealth Marine Plastics Research and Innovation Framework
- £5m for **Commonwealth Clean Oceans Alliance** and Technical Assistance
- £16m for Waste Management pilot schemes, world economic forum platforms and Commonwealth Marine Litter Programme (CLIP)

CCOA Objectives:

- **action to ban microbeads in rinse-off personal care products by 2021**
- **a significant reduction in single use plastic carrier bags by 2021**
- **a commitment to take steps to eliminate all avoidable single use plastic waste.**



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