From the Chair

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Use of plastics on the Estate

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2017 in relation to the use of plastics on the Parliamentary Estate and for drawing my attention to the recommendations made to all public sector bodies in your Committee’s two recent reports on plastics.

The House Service is currently reviewing the sustainability and environmental management of single use disposable plastics in the House of Commons. Following that review the Administration Committee will be considering a paper early in March 2018. I have asked that the paper detail initiatives—such as those outlined in your letter—that can be taken to reduce our consumption of single use disposable plastics, including in coffee cups. The Committee will also be looking at ways to increase recycling rates of all waste materials on the Estate.

I will let you know the outcomes of the Committee’s discussions and ensure that any new schemes are promoted widely through the various channels available.

Sir Paul Beresford
Chair of the Committee