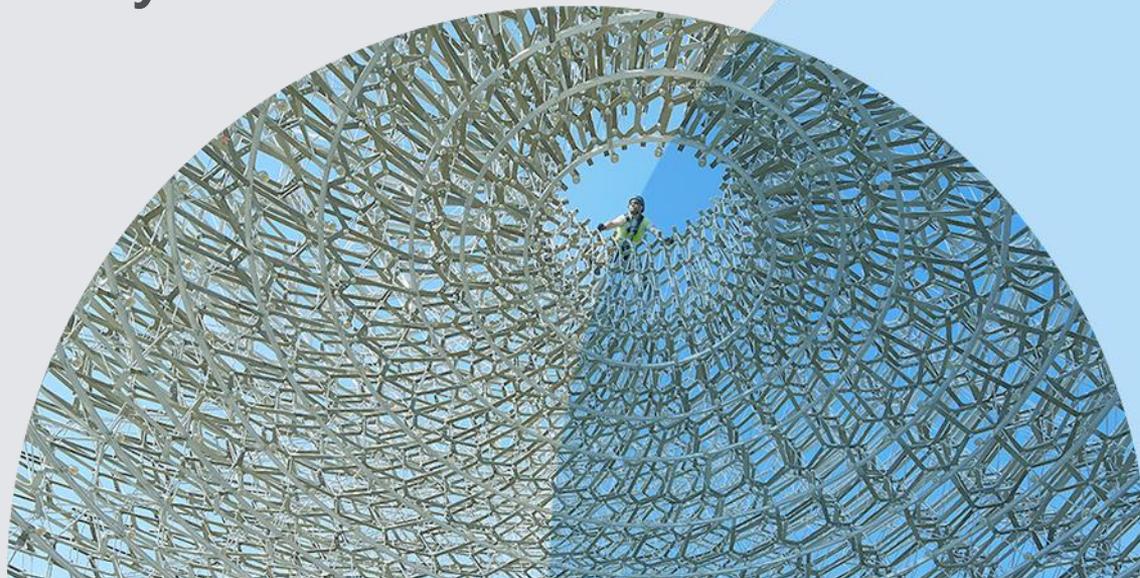


Resources and Waste Strategy for England

A summary of the key features

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Our vision

A world in which
resources are used
sustainably

Our mission

To accelerate the move to a
sustainable, resource-efficient
economy through:

Re-inventing how we design, produce
and sell products.

Re-thinking how we use and
consume products.

Re-defining what is possible
through re-use and recycling.

Resources and Waste Strategy



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Goal is for England to move to a more circular economy, which keeps resources in use for longer.

Strategy focuses on known problems:

- Sustainable consumption and production
- Single use plastics
- Householder confusion
- Food waste

Commitment that LAs are resourced to meet new net costs arising from the policies in the Strategy, including upfront transition costs and ongoing operational costs (EPR).



UK Government's aims for resource sustainability



Double resource productivity **by 2025**



Eliminate avoidable plastic waste **by 2042**

Working towards eliminating food waste to landfill **by 2030**



Eliminating avoidable waste of all kinds **by 2050.**



EU Circular Economy Package



- 55% municipal re-use & recycling by 2025
- 60% municipal re-use & recycling by 2030
- 65% municipal re-use & recycling by 2035

“Municipal waste should be defined as ... that which is similar in nature and composition to household waste” = household and some commercial waste.

Separate collection requirements for bio-waste (by 2023), textiles and hazardous waste (by 2025).

CEP includes strengthened provisions on waste prevention (Articles 9 & 29) and preparing for re-use (Article 11(1)).

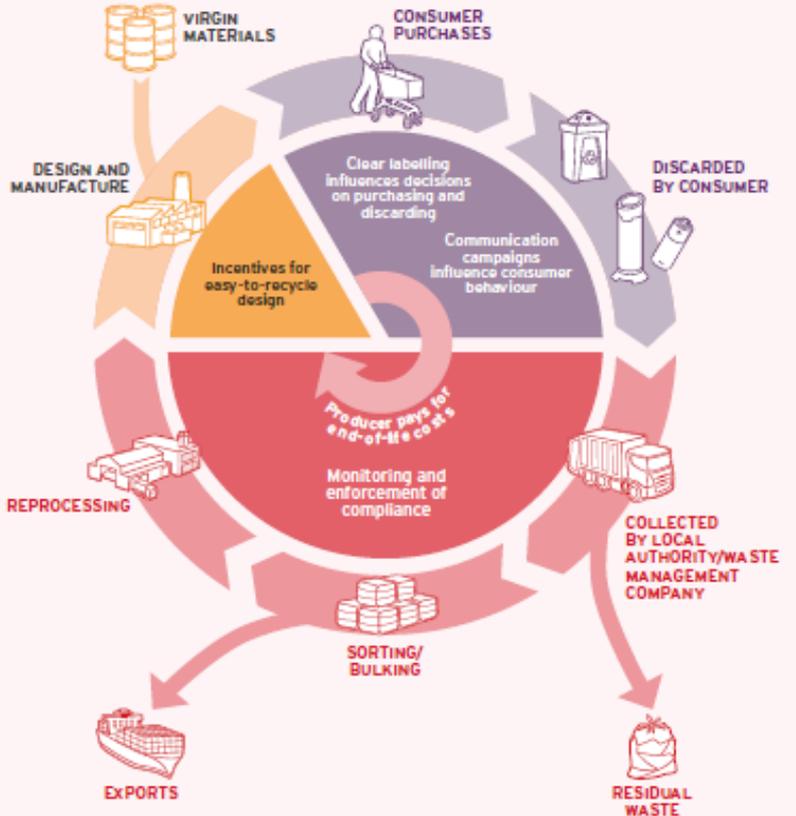
Notwithstanding Brexit, we will be adopting the package, so it sets the context.

Sustainable Production



- Reforming existing producer responsibility systems, starting with the Packaging Waste Regulations, to incentivise producers to take greater responsibility for the environmental impacts and associated costs of their products at end-of-life.
 - => Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging consultation
- Reviewing the effectiveness of legislation designed to minimise packaging and encourage design for greater reuse, remanufacturing and recycling.
- WRAP's UK Plastics Pact aims to create a circular economy for plastics in the UK, through cross-sectoral collaboration.
 - => one target is to eliminate problematic or unnecessary plastics

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY



- Consultation on EPR for packaging – out now.
- Consultation on EPR for WEEE, Batteries and ELV by end of 2020.
- Consultation on EPR (or similar) for textiles, bulky waste, C&D waste, tyres and fishing gear by end of 2025.

Extended Producer Responsibility



Applying 4 core principles, including:

Producers bear the full net cost of managing their products at the end of their life, including impacts on the environment and society so that objectives and targets are met.

Schemes are designed and implemented to make it **easy for consumers to play their part**, whether through their choices at point of purchase, during ownership of a product, or at the end of its life.

For LA collections, EPR potentially provides a significant funding pot – but if producers are paying to recover materials, they will expect LAs to be collecting in such a way that maintains quality and value.

Sustainable Consumption – including a Deposit Return Scheme



Subject to consultation (out now) – introduce a deposit return scheme for single-use drinks containers (plastic bottles, aluminium cans, glass bottles). Preference for a UK-wide approach – but Scotland undertook its own consultation on DRS in 2018.

Implications for Waste Collection Authorities:

- Which containers would the deposit be applied to – all plastic bottles or those of a specific size?
- Where would containers be returned to?
- Could valuable material be diverted away from kerbside collection services – implications for tonnages / revenue from recycle.

Helping consumers take more considered actions



The infographic features the WRAP logo at the top. Below it, the text reads 'Keep calm and be SMART this Black Friday with our guide to buying electricals'. The word 'SMART' is spelled out in large white circles. Below this, five columns provide advice: SHORTLIST, MAKE A DECISION, ACT!, REGISTER, and TRADE-IN. A green bar at the bottom contains a recycling icon and the text 'OR IF YOUR OLD PRODUCT DOESN'T WORK RECYCLE IT! See where you can recycle them at [recyclenow.com](https://www.recyclenow.com)'. At the very bottom, it says 'For more on WRAP's work visit: wrap.org.uk/sustainable-electricals'.

SMART

SHORTLIST	MAKE A DECISION	ACT!	REGISTER	TRADE-IN
spend time researching & working out where to be (in store or online) to get the deal you want	beforehand & try to think about the product's lifetime & its true value for money	(But calmly) Stick to your plan to get the bargains you want, rather than impulse buying	your appliance when you get home as a safety precaution so you and your product can be traced	old products that you're replacing - you could sell online, to high street shops, or donate to charity

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- Incentivise consumers to purchase sustainably
- provide better information on the sustainability of their purchases
- ban plastic products where there is a clear case for it and alternatives exist
- address barriers to reuse
- support the market for remanufactured goods
- encourage appropriate disposal of used products

End of Life – Greater Consistency



Government to specify a **core set of materials to be collected by all local authorities and waste operators.**

Consultation looks at which materials and which collection systems would be most effective at preserving material **quality.**

The consultation is being carried out in parallel with the consultations on EPR, DRS and a plastics tax.



Weekly collection of food waste is part of the consultation on consistency – we estimate that this could add 5% to the national recycling rate.

Also consulting on the provision of **free garden waste collections** for households with gardens by 2023. Why?

- Evidence suggests that total waste arisings are not falling despite shift to chargeable schemes.
- Is garden waste going into the residual stream, filling the void left by greater recycling?

NB: Any new statutory responsibilities for local government would be subject to an assessment of new burdens.

Implications for Collection Authorities



- What would be the implications for your LA if required to collect a consistent set of materials or deliver minimum service standards?
- If introduced, how might a Deposit Return Scheme impact on the recyclables placed out for collection at kerbside?
- What changes will your LA need to make, and when, to ensure that you will be on a trajectory to meet the legally-binding EU CEP **municipal recycling targets**:
 - 55% by 2025;
 - 60% by 2030;
 - 65% by 2035?
- What costs might a new EPR funding stream cover? How will you be able to access this funding?

And Finally...



Please read and respond to the consultations on Consistency, Deposit Return Scheme, Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging, and the HMT plastics tax, all published on 18 Feb.

All 12 week consultations. Deadlines are 12 May (HMT), 13 May (Defra).

If you're an LA and need support to consider the implications of the Strategy, this is available from WRAP. Ask me, or email:

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