### The future of waste collection: where are we with EPR, DRS and consistency

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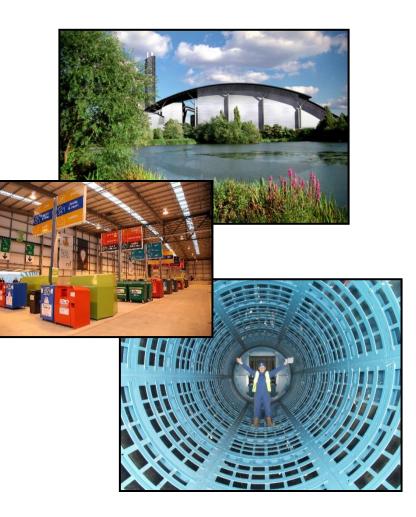
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- is the trade association for the resource & waste management industry
- members represent the majority of the sector
- is funded by member subscriptions
- works to raise standards





### Outline

- 1. Main elements of the reforms
- 2. Industry's priorities for investment
- 3. Challenges and implementation
- 4. Other issues



## Main elements of the reforms

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- Consistency: separate food waste; flexibles; labelling
- EPR: producer funding; modulated fees standardised payments
- DRS: 95%; up to 3l; no glass (except Wales) October 25

Plastics tax



# Industry's priorities for investment

- **1. Design for recyclability** modulated producer fees
- 2. Simple for consumers clear binary labelling
- **3. Secure feedstock** conditions on EPR & DRS
- 4. Domestic demand plastics tax escalator
- 5. Restrict exports remove low grade export option



# **Challenges & implementation**

#### Uncertainties

What? When? TEEP? Enforcement? Payment mechanism? Producer fees? End markets?

#### Practicalities –

- Containers and vehicles
- Upgrading existing facilities
- Investing in new facilities



## **Other issues**

- 1. Decarbonisation of residual waste treatment
- 2. Interim targets for residual waste reduction





## Conclusions

- Reforms have potential to boost recycling and are important for reducing councils' carbon liabilities under ETS
- Timelines very challenging derogations?
- Enforcement needed for business waste collections
- There will be big investment programme flow of funds from central government and producers needs to be sufficient to cover this





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