

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

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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



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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

- **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



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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



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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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