

# What Next for Scottish Local Authority Waste Services

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# What's coming up

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- **Current and forthcoming policy changes**
- **Impact on services**
- **Infrastructure requirements**
- **Challenges and issues**
- **The importance of a longer term strategy**

# What's in the pipeline

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- **Landfill Ban**
- **Role of Incineration in Scotland**
- **DRS & EPR**
- **The Waste Routemap**
- **The CE Bill**
- **Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**
- **Regulatory Changes**

# MSW Landfill Ban

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- **Date now looks fixed**
- **Will it happen?**
- **Authorities still in the planning & procurement stage**
- **Reduction in landfill facilities**
- **Difficult to deal with wastes**
- **Financial implications / business models**
- **Disappearing landfill option**

# Role of Incineration in Scotland

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- **Approaching the critical point of MSW versus available facilities**
- **Expect to be around 9 -11 facilities operational by the start of 2026 with between 2 – 4 facilities heading towards completion and commissioning**
- **Report predicts an initial shortfall in capacity which will be filled by the end of 2026 early 2027**
- **Remaining authorities will need to fit this timescale with contracts**
- **Alternative technologies still in the background**
- **Decarbonisation and heat recovery for existing facilities**



# Deposit & Return - EPR

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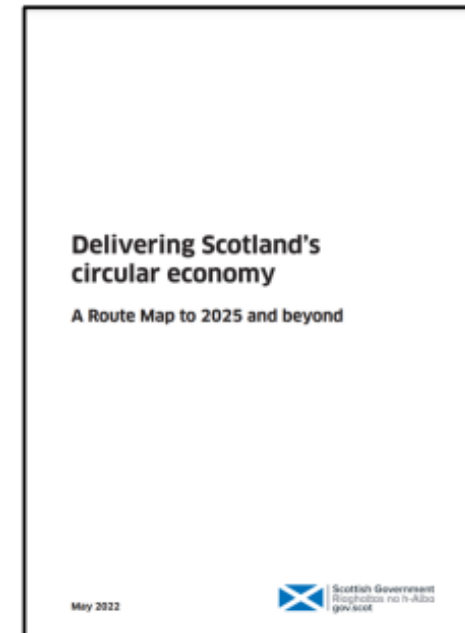
- **DRS protracted and drawn out**
- **Will it happen in its current form?**
- **Planning and changes to collections delayed**
- **Contractual issues arising**
- **EPR Reporting & Data Management**
- **Ring fenced funding back to authorities?**



# Waste Routemap & CE Bill

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- **CE Bill to enable the Routemap actions to come to life**
- **Any new regulations will still need consultation time**
- **Key potential actions**
  - **Recycling targets for local authorities (recycling, preparation for reuse, composting) with financial incentives / penalties**
  - **Changes to ability to charge for garden waste and special uplifts**
  - **Householder responsibility to recycle supported by fixed penalties**
  - **Mandatory compliance by Local Authorities with Household Recycling Charter and Code of Practice**
  - **New provisions on flytipping and littering**



# Local Authority Challenges

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- **Most policy uncertainty for a decade**
- **Changes need to be supported and based on solid data and evidence**
- **Need for a longer term consolidated approach to enable future delivery and infrastructure**
- **Will the RIF approach help us address at least some of these issues?**
- **Other funding requirements**



# Thank-you

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## Questions?

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