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Resource and waste strategy - 'it's all about data' - monitoring progress in the years and decades ahead

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Where will the new data come from?

- Two publications planned before end of the year to set in train evaluating progress:
 - Evaluation Plan - quite policy specific
 - Indicators (with actual numbers, currently called 'Indicator Framework' but is more than that)



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- Commitment in the Resources and Waste Strategy to monitor progress:
 - reducing waste arisings, total and residual
 - including prevention of waste via reuse, repair (data?).
 - more circularity – if we can't prevent waste, reuse or repair then at least recycle.
 - decrease use of raw materials



Where will the new data come from?

- Mixture of established data sources, eg Waste data Flow, ONS, EA
- Plus new data, for example:
 - Carbon emissions from waste management
 - Waste Composition – particularly household residual
 - Raw Material Consumption ('Material Footprint')



Will whatever is suitable to measure in 2019 be the same as in 2029?

- World moves on, data changes, including quality and methodology
- Priorities change, eg textiles?
- Need to be flexible
- Natural Capital,
- Resource scarcity



Priorities for plugging data gaps? How can organisations, including APSE help?

APSE already very helpful:

- Site cleanliness (NI 195) data to help monitor litter for the National Litter Strategy
- Regular dialogue with government (Defra), valuable feedback
- Data around Reuse, Repair, particularly at Local Authority level – including intelligence around barriers and how to overcome them.
- Data for indicators fine, background data and intelligence also valuable



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Thank you

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