CO-DESIGN

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CODE OF PRACTICE

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WHAT: CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WASTE ROUTE MAP & CE ACT

A fully circular economy in Scotland by 2045:

Driven by Responsible Consumption, Responsible Production,

Maximising Value from Waste and Energy [Sustainable resource use]

1. Reduce and reuse



2. Modernise recycling



3. Decarbonise disposal

More sustainable products, easier to repair, reuse & recycle, and better quality – cutting waste

Specific focus on reducing food waste <u>and</u> construction practices

New recycling & reuse standards make it easier for households & businesses to recycle

Economic opportunities in stimulating domestic reprocessing market Capacity to manage remaining waste responsibly

Improve environmental outcomes

Incentivise decarbonisation

4. Strengthen the circular economy

Provide strategic oversight; Coordinate action across cross-cutting areas; Robustly monitor and evaluate progress – including setting new CE targets and strategy.







Legislative framework created by Circular Economy Act

STRATEGIC AIM	ROUTE MAP PRIORITY ACTIONS [CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACT PROVISION: CEA]
1. REDUCE AND REUSE	 RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION, REUSE Publish a Product Stewardship Plan to set out how we will tackle the environmental impact of priority products by 2025/26 – likely to include textiles and mattresses FOOD WASTE Develop an intervention plan to guide long-term work on household food waste reduction behaviour change by 2026/27 Develop effective options to implement mandatory reporting for food waste and surplus by businesses from 2025/26 [CEA]
	CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION • Support the development of a model for regional Scottish hubs and networks for the reuse of construction materials and assets from 2025-2027
2. MODERNISE RECYCLING	 Co-design process for high quality, high performing household recycling and reuse services, 2024-2026 [CEA] Review of compliance with commercial recycling requirements, 2026 Co-design measures to improve commercial waste service provisions, commencing by 2030
3. DECARBONISE DISPOSAL	 Residual Waste Plan to 2045 (2027) Sector-Led Plan to minimise the carbon impacts of the Energy from Waste Sector (2027)
4. STRENGTHEN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY	 Circular economy strategy every five years (first one in 2026) [CEA] New circular economy targets (by 2027) [CEA]

Vision for co-design of new Code of Practice

Scottish Government and local government will work in partnership, and with communities and other key stakeholders, to evaluate the strategic context and infrastructure requirements to inform the co-design of refreshed standards for household recycling and reuse services that:

- maximise value of materials and economic opportunities for local authorities
- drive performance nationally and locally against climate and waste targets
- promote more consistent, high quality, deliverable and affordable services that take account of local circumstances and economics
- address specific challenges (e.g. rurality, communal properties)
- and make the right choices easier for householders and easier to communicate for local government.

Agreed by Local Government-Scottish Government Strategic Steering Group

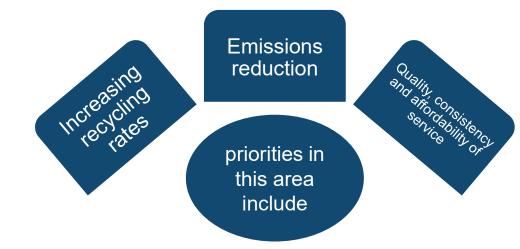


Rationale and aims for new Code of Practice

The Code of Practice will be put on a statutory basis to deliver better and more consistent recycling services across Scotland. This new statutory code will aim to provide clear guidance for both householders and waste practitioners, ensuring best practices are the easiest options.

The Code should address:

- the design of household waste and recycling and reuse services to establish consistent collection systems
- policies for household waste and recycling and reuse services
- the operation of household waste and recycling and reuse
- consistent definitions of materials (for example, paper, card, glass, plastics, metals and food)
- how to communicate with and to support households on recycling and reuse matters





Governance

GOVERNANCE GROUP

SGLG SSG

Where required, provide a decision-making service and determine the approach when consensus cannot be reached between the LA participants.



WORKING GROUP

Scottish Government CoSLA

Waste Management Network Chairs

Will review work and progress at key milestones on co-design process and provide options to the Governance Group where decision making is required of them. Will provide initial clearance of all planning.



NAMED LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

Waste Managers

Will attend and actively participate regularly in workshops and surveys relating to codesign or delegate a staff member from their local authority to participate in their stead.



Various other stakeholder groups, identified in stakeholder mapping processes, will be invited to participate in the co-design the through engagement at key milestones and where relevant.

Delivering the co-design & engaging with stakeholders

1. Planning & Research (current)

Setting success criteria and metrics, commissioning research & stakeholder engagement

2. Design & Refine

Considering research findings, evaluating policy options and developing financial analysis

3. Policy Development

Mapping service design to policy and legal requirements

Political agreement

4. Consultation (end of 2026)

Completion of the new Code of Practice by end of 2026 Public consultation & Parliamentary scrutiny



Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Phase 4

Planning & Research

Design & Refinement

Policy Development

Implementation & **Public Consultation**

1. Publication of Consultations

Launch non-linear consultations on textile collections and rural food waste exemption.

Outcome:

Evidence gathered for Workshop #2

2. Methodology Agreement

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Develop codesign methodology with Working Group.

Outcome:

Submission of draft

Independent

Facilitator

Outcome:

Facilitator

engaged to

Review

Secured

Second Co-Design Workshop

Discuss research and consultation findings.

Outcome: Service design elements identified

2. Financial Analysis

Outcome: Report on

financial implications.

Evaluate affordability of

proposed service changes.

Workshop

4 First Co-Design Workshop

Define vision, success criteria. and implementation challenges.

Outcome: Metrics, initial solutions, and workshop report.

7. Stakeholder

Engagement with

wider waste sector

Engagement

support co-design. 8. Methodology

Evaluate progress and refine Workshop #2 content. Outcome: Prioritized goals implementation

challenges.

6. Consultations Close

3. Research &

evaluates Code of

alternative models.

and research data

for Workshop #2.

Outcome: Cost-

benefit analysis

Evaluation

researcher

Independent

Practice and

External contractor begins analysis. Outcome: Consultation results prepared for Workshop #2.

9. Research

Evaluation

Completed

with partners.

Outcome:

Findings shared

Identification of

knowledge gaps.

3. Internal Progress Report

Policy recommendations drafted.

Outcome: Early-stage policy guidance.

4. Steering Group Meeting

Review Workshop #2 findings.

Outcome: Workplan adjustments and political briefing preparation.

1. Draft Progress Report

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Update provided to Scottish Ministers & CoSLA

Outcome: Political steps identified.

2. Third Co-Design

Finalize prioritization of service design elements. Outcome: Implementation challenges and solutions.

3. Full Financial Analysis

Re-evaluate financial feasibility.

Outcome: Investment decision framework.

4. Steering Group Meeting

Review and finalize the draft Code of Practice.

Outcome: Approval of proposed options.

5 Submission to Ministers & CoSLA

Draft Code of Practice presented.

1 Consultation Preparation

Develop impact assessments and cost analysis

Outcome: Ready for public consultation.

2. Public

Consultation Launch Open for stakeholder

feedback.

Outcome: Public input on the new Code of Practice.

Next Steps:

Further workshops may be scheduled based on findings and consultation feedback.

Policy refinements and approvals will continue beyond the consultation period.

and citizens. Outcome:

Stakeholder interest report and engagement plan.

10. Steering Group Meeting

Review findings and methodology adjustments.

Delivering research to support co-design

 A prioritised shortlist of research has been developed for stakeholders to consider as part of codesign.

Research is planned on...

Evaluation of the Household Recycling Charter



Impact of DRS and EPR on waste composition



High-performing recycling systems, tonnages and success factors



Barriers to alignment with existing CoP



Social, demographic and geographic factors



Communications with citizens and behavioural change



Financial modelling



Scottish infrastructure profile



Review of charging for waste collection services





Next steps

Consultations

- Textile collections
- Rural food waste exemption
- CfE on extension of the bioban

Closing **17 June** 2025

Local Authority Workshop

Provisionally scheduled for June (date tbc)

To consider:

- Success criteria and metrics
- Implementation challenges and solutions

Wider engagement

Summer/Autumn engagement being planned with wider stakeholders including citizens, business and third sector



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