

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

More sustainable products, easier to repair, reuse & recycle, and better quality – cutting waste
Specific focus on reducing food waste and construction practices



2. Modernise recycling

New recycling & reuse standards make it easier for households & businesses to recycle
Economic opportunities in stimulating domestic reprocessing market



3. Decarbonise disposal

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] |
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| 1. REDUCE AND REUSE | <p>RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION, REUSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish a Product Stewardship Plan to set out how we will tackle the environmental impact of priority products by 2025/26 – <i>likely to include <u>textiles and mattresses</u></i> <p>FOOD WASTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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] <p>CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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



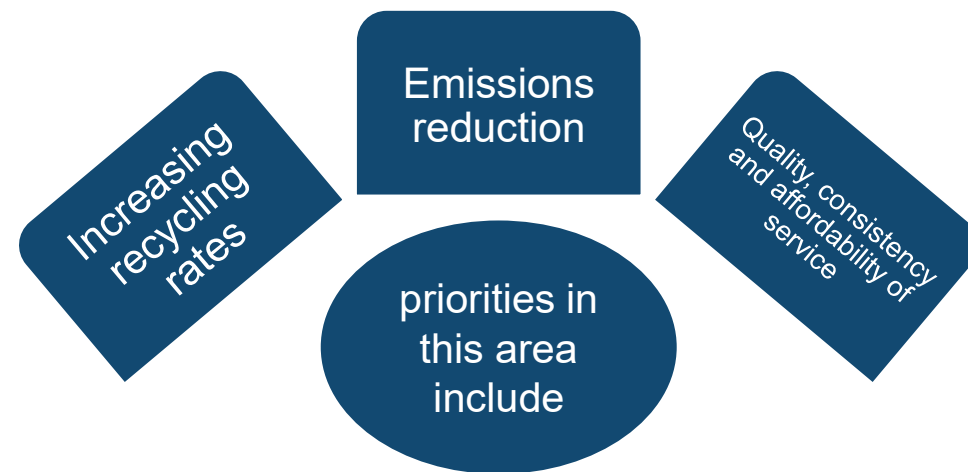
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Rationale and aims for new Code of Practice

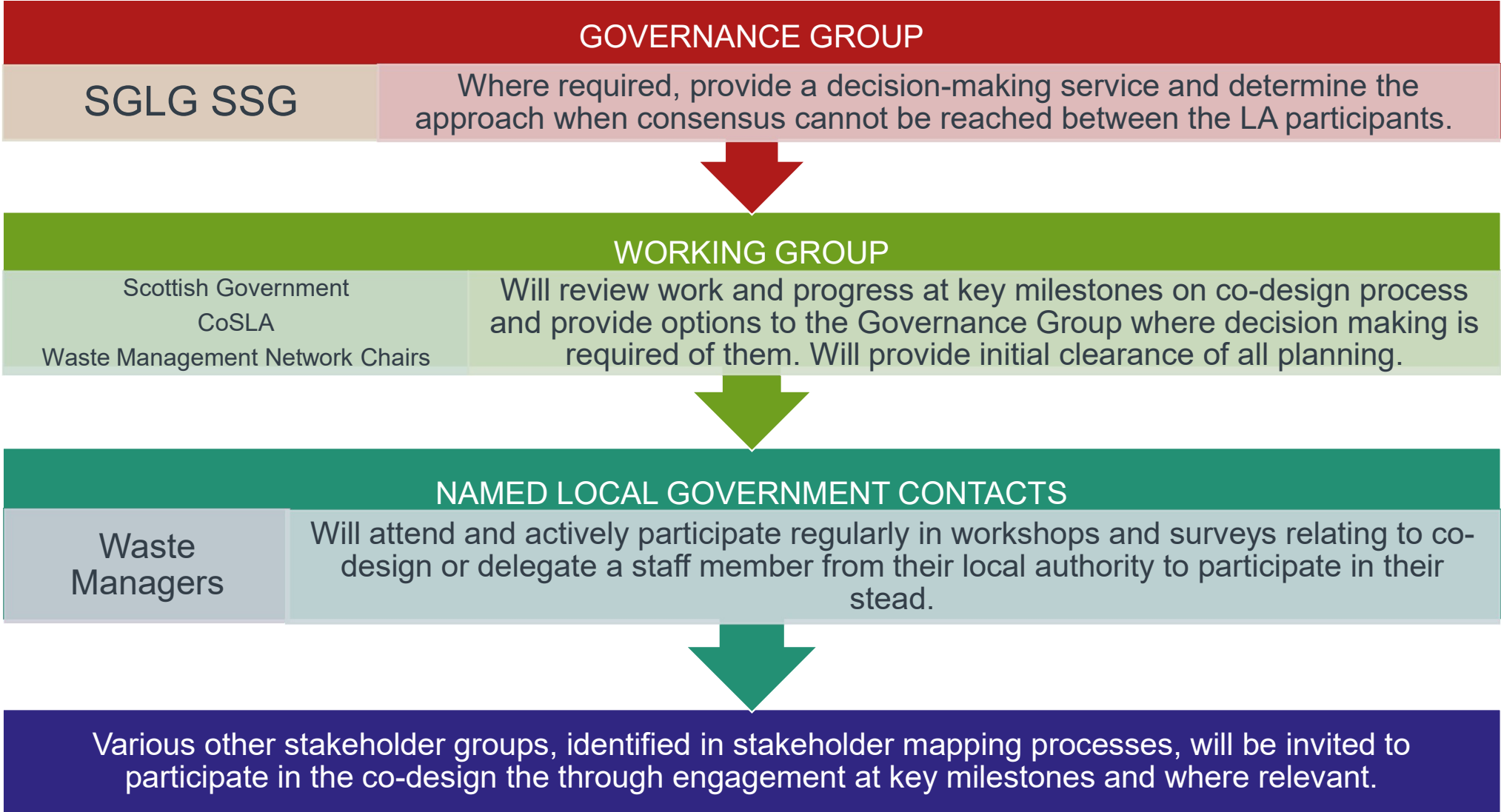
The Code of Practice will be put on a statutory basis to deliver better and more consistent recycling services across Scotland. This new statutory code will aim to provide clear guidance for both householders and waste practitioners, ensuring best practices are the easiest options.

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



Delivering the co-design & engaging with stakeholders

Stakeholder engagement opportunities



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)

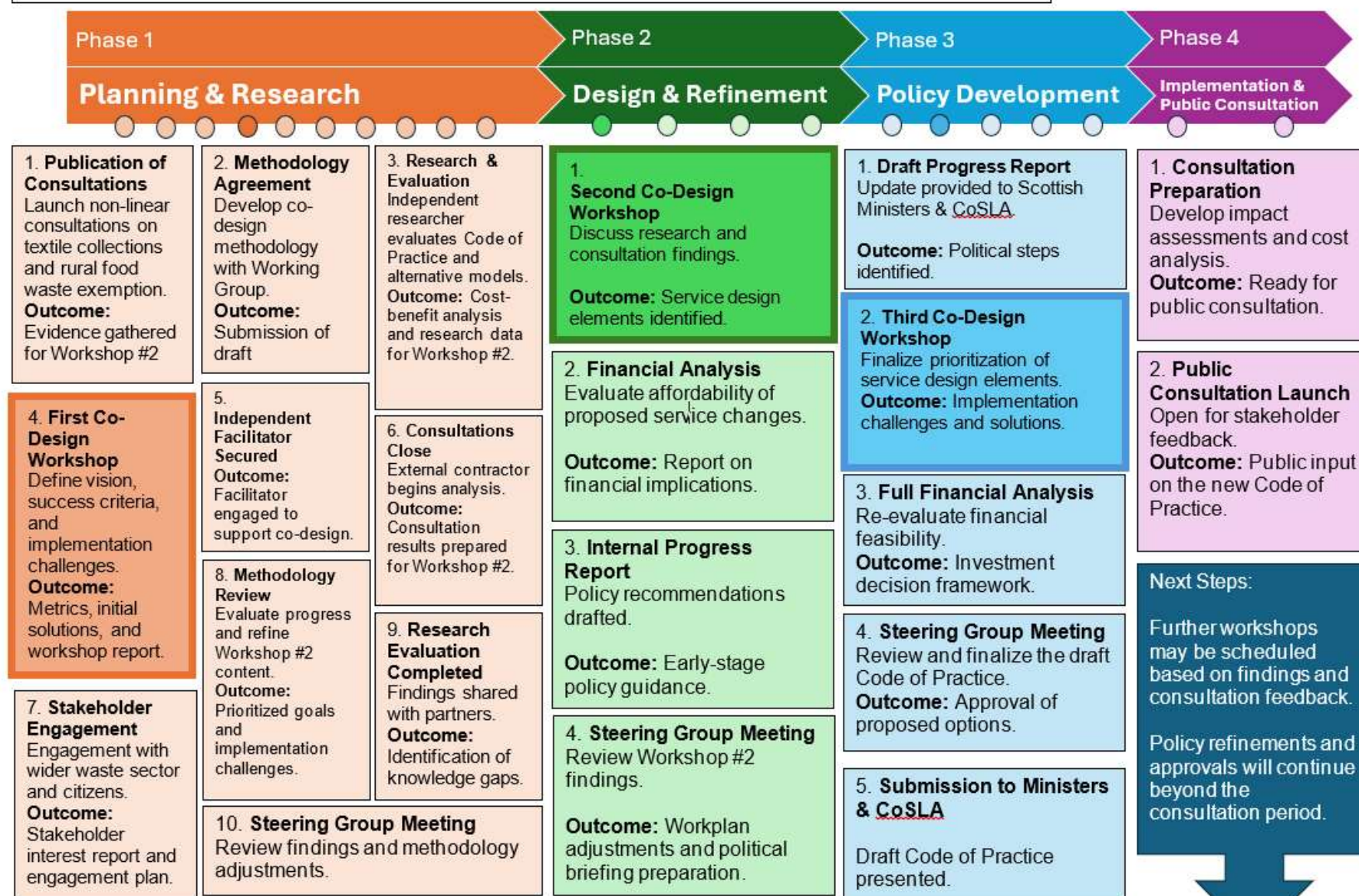
Completion of the new Code of Practice by end of 2026

Public consultation & Parliamentary scrutiny



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CO-DESIGN OF CODE OF PRACTICE FOR HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING: METHODOLOGY OUTLINE



Delivering research to support co-design

- A prioritised shortlist of research has been developed for stakeholders to consider as part of co-design.

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

THANK YOU

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