



Preparing for Scotland's Landfill Ban

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Bioban – what is it again

- Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012
- Ban on landfilling **biodegradable municipal** waste from 1 January 2026
- Aims to make most of resources and reduce CO₂ emissions from landfill



Purpose

This document provides guidance on the ban on landfilling Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BMW). It describes BMW, why it will be banned, how to decide if a waste is caught by the ban and how the ban will be implemented.

What is banned?

From 1 Jan 2021, landfill operators in Scotland will be prohibited from accepting Biodegradable Municipal Waste for disposal at the landfill. The purpose of the ban is:

- to reduce the amount of waste landfilled by directing residual waste to alternative treatment.
- to extract any remaining resource value from the residual waste stream.
- to reduce greenhouse gas emissions which result from landfilling biodegradable waste.

What is Biodegradable Municipal Waste?

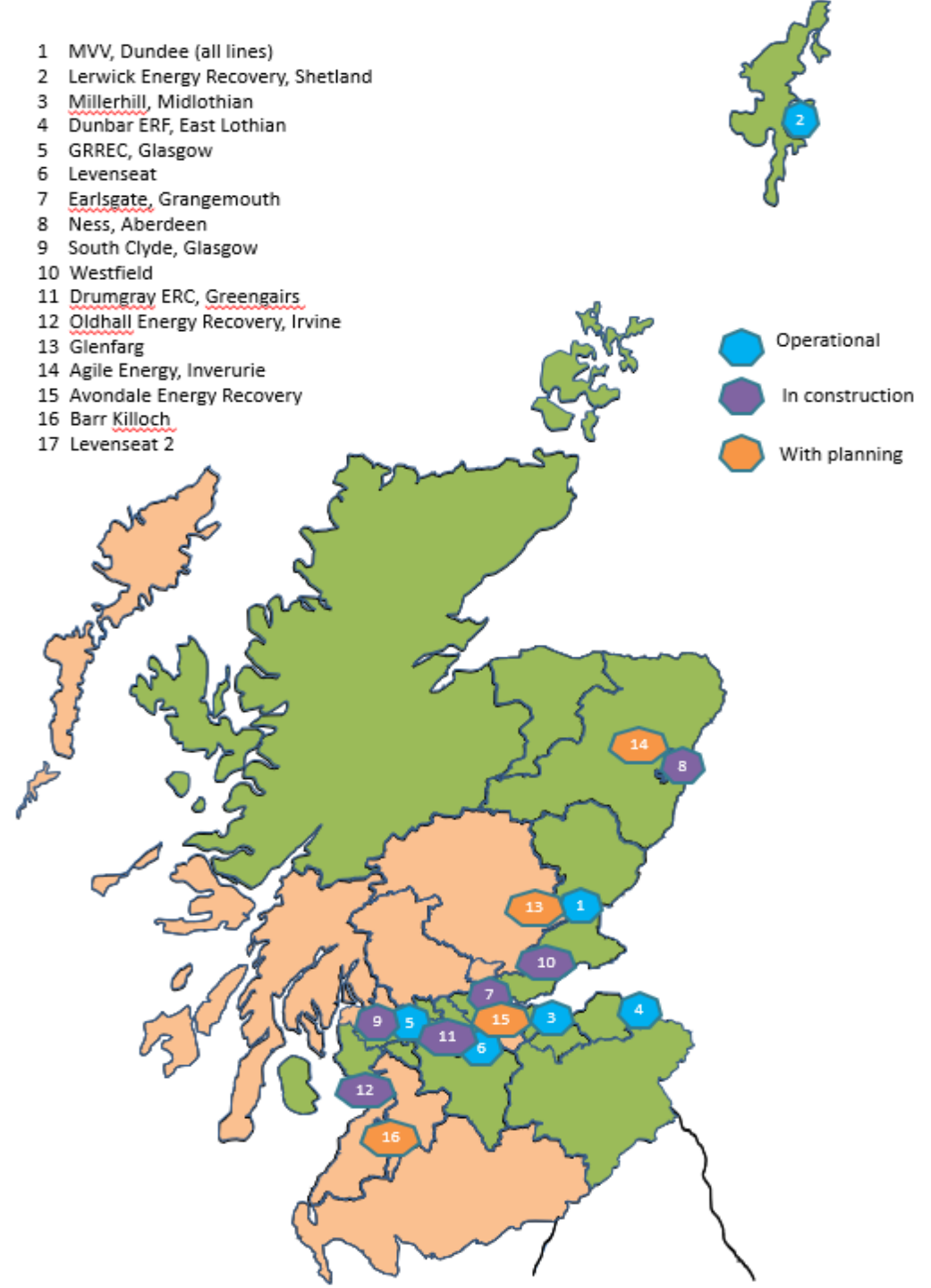
Biodegradable Municipal Waste is defined in Regulation 11(3) of the Landfill (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (as amended) ("the Regulations) as "municipal waste that is also biodegradable".

Biodegradable waste is defined (in Regulation 2 (1) of the Regulations as "any waste capable of undergoing anaerobic or aerobic decomposition such as food, garden waste, paper and cardboard".

Municipal waste is defined (in Regulation 2 (1) of the Regulations as "waste from households as well as other waste which because of its nature or composition is similar to waste from households".

Current situation

- Estimated at 2.3 million tonnes of BMW (1.4 million tonnes from households)
- 11 of 32 LAs still need a solution for 2026 – around 370ktpa
- Others still landfill too
- EfW capacity in Scotland:
 - Operational - 1mtpa (6 plants)
 - In construction – 1.47mtpa (6 plants)
 - With planning – 750ktpa (5 plants)



Support for local authorities

- Procurement support (technical and legal)
- Template ITT, contract, schedules – developed meet both LA and market needs
- Worked examples (evaluation, payment mechanism, change mechanism etc.)
- Help with bidder clarifications, tender evaluation etc.
- Collaboration with other LAs and lessons learnt
- Development of procurement strategies – technical reviews



What next



- Incineration review recommendations
- UK Emissions Trading Scheme
- Support for local authorities:
 - Procurement support for remaining 11 LAs
 - Non-black bag waste streams
- Commercial sector awareness
- BMW that cannot be burnt





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