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A UK perspective on future waste challenges

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We provide a key interface between local and central government.



We are public sector value and efficacy driven.



We work on accelerating the delivery of major infrastructure, policy and programme support, wider place-making initiatives, and transformation across the public sector ecosystem.



UK perspective on future waste challenges

Overview of the policy landscape across the UK

Impacts on material composition

What else is in the pipeline?

Readiness – how to prepare



Scene setting - policy levers across the UK



Mandatory recycling & consistency frameworks



CE strategies/ waste reduction targets



Zero waste to landfill & decarbonisation



Producer responsibility, bans & taxes



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	Framework	 Targets
S	Charter & CoP	70% 2025
E	Simpler Recycling	60% 2030
W	Blueprint	 70% '24/25
NI	Future Recycling	70% 2030



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	Strategy	Reduction	Food waste
S	Making Things Last	15% by 2025 (2011 baseline)	33% by 2025 (2013 baseline)
E	<i>In progress, led by Circular Economy Taskforce</i>	50% by 2042 (2019 baseline)	N/A
W	Beyond Recycling	26% by 2025, 33% by 2030, (‘06/07 baseline)	50% by 2025, 60% by 2030, (‘06/07 baseline)
NI	<i>Draft CES</i>	N/A	N/A

71%



want to see more reusable, refillable and returnable options where they shop.

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	BMW to landfill	Net Zero	ETS for EFW
S	2025 ban	By 2045	✓
E	<i>Planned 2028</i>	By 2050	✓
W	<5% by 2025	By 2050 (public sector by 2030)	✓
NI	<10% by 2035	By 2050	✓



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	pEPR	DRS	SUP	SU vapes	P tax
S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
W	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



What impacts might we see on our waste streams?

1. Reduction of unnecessary packaging and more recyclable & reusable packaging – driven by ecomodulation/pEPR





Bottles rented by producers rather than owned?

Used by 28 breweries



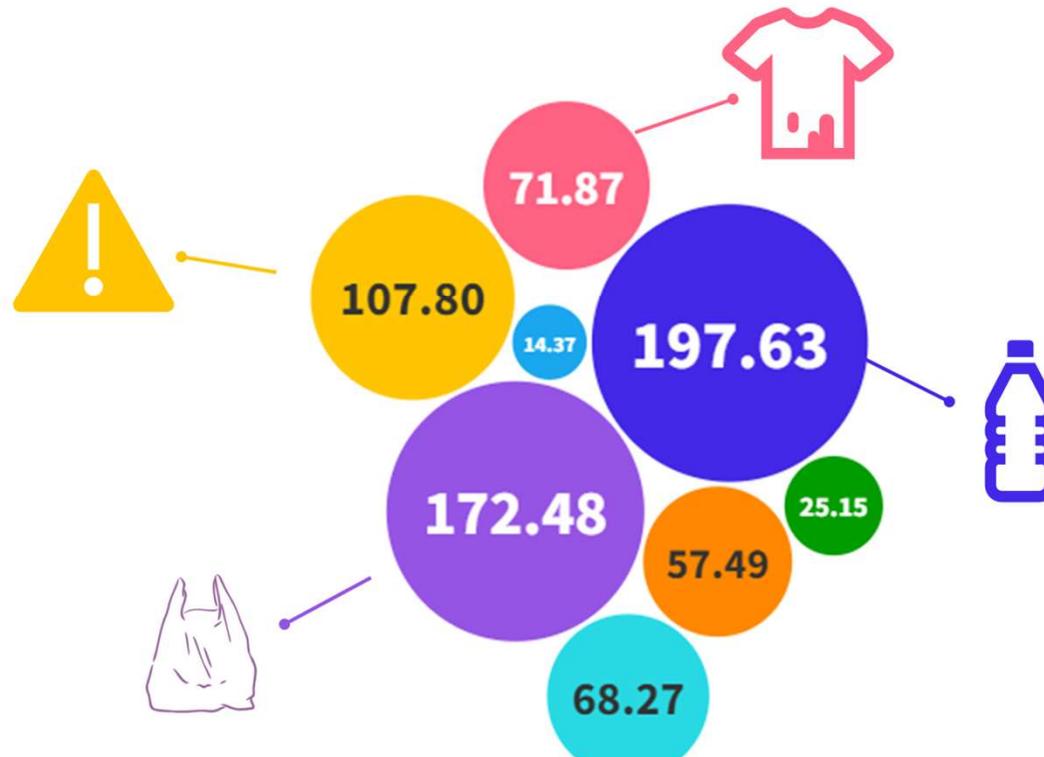
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2. Targeting of high fossil carbon materials e.g. plastics incl films, WEEE, textiles – driven by ETS

ETS Costs by material (£/t, 2028 central forecast)

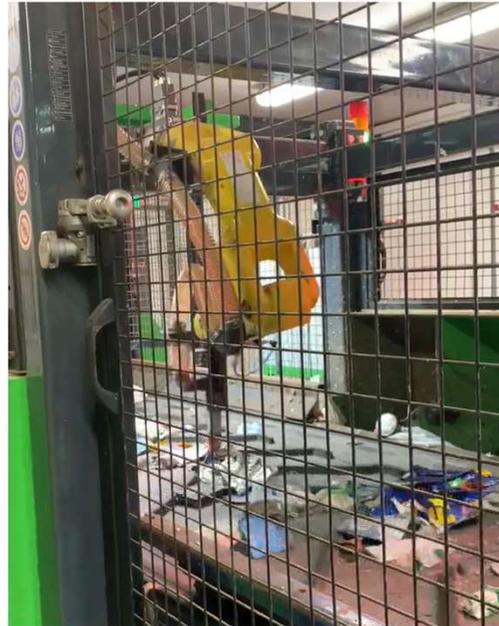
■ Dense Plastic ■ Plastic Film ■ Textiles ■ WEEE ■ Hazardous ■ Wood
■ Misc combustible ■ Misc non-combustible ■ Fines

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3. Tracking of products through supply chains and waste streams – AI and machine learning



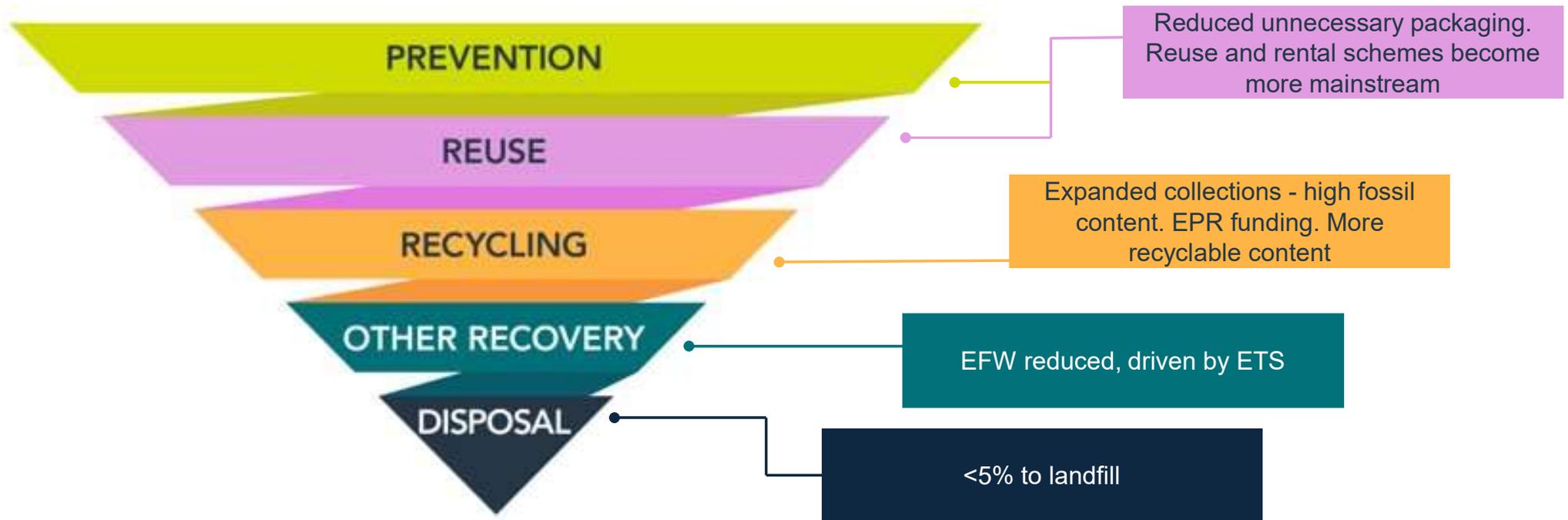
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4. What is the role for LAs for reuse schemes?

▲ Innovative collections



Future profile





Readiness – how to prepare

1. **Understand your services** & potential cost exposure over time (it's unique to each authority), and contractual position:
 - ▲ Monitoring – resources & composition
2. **Be aware of the impacts** that future policies could have on your services
 - ▲ EPR, DRS and ETS will utilise financial, responsibility levers and targets to reduce waste arisings, shift materials from residual to recycling, shift the composition
3. **Be aware** of unknowns and be mindful of updates
4. **Develop your mitigation plan**
 - ▲ How can you make your service resilient to changing waste profiles?



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Launch of the Commercial Waste Toolkit for enhanced service delivery



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