

Assessing progress on the development of a Circular Economy Strategy for Northern Ireland

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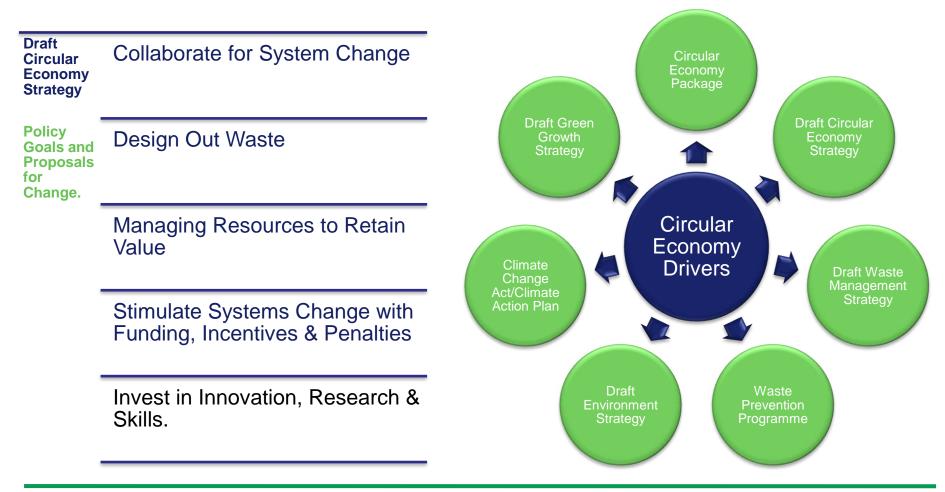
What We Do

- Policy and legislation
- Implement the draft CES actions
- Link the Circular Economy with Climate Action
- Resource and waste management
- Collaboration with key stakeholders
- Foster cultural change and societal shift





Policy Goals and Drivers





Rethinking Our Resources:

NI's New Waste Management Strategy



Achieve at least 70% of waste recycled by 2030 and 65% of municipal waste recycled by 2035



No more than 10% of waste to landfill by 2035.



Implement a ban/restriction on biodegradable waste to landfill by 2028.



Introduce an EPR scheme for packaging by 2025 and a Deposit Return Scheme.



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Commitment to publish a new Waste Prevention Programme in 2025.



Commitment to working with DfE to implement the Circular Economy Strategy



Commitment to improving our environment through the Environmental Improvement Plan



Commitment to working with all to transform the waste management sector in NI



Waste Prevention & Reuse

Tackling Plastics/Tackling Textiles

Marine Litter Grant Scheme

Lyric Theatre Project

NIRN



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Recycling

Introducing mandatory recycling for NHM sector

Review and refresh the Food Waste Regs



Restricting the amount of residual waste that is collected. Improving the quality of kerbside collections

Changes to TEEP and the introduction of **QualiTEE**



Extended Producer Responsibility



- Pushed back to 2025 to allow more time.
- Worth around £37m annually to NI Councils
- Money ringfenced for infrastructure development.
- Flexible plastic packaging to be introduced to kerbside collections in 2027.



Projects, Funding and Innovation

Funding for pilots, projects and innovative R&D

Currently working with;

- Queens University, Belfast
- Ulster University
- NIRN
- Brink!
- WRAP
- Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful

And many, many more....







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