

## RESOURCES & WASTE POLICY UPDATE 01.09.20

POLICY DEVELOPMENT	IMPLICATIONS
<b>LIVERPOOL CITY REGION (LCR)</b>	
<p><b>LCR Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan</b>            The “Building Back Better” plan aims to deliver a competitive, clean, inclusive city region and includes a <b>Green Recovery</b> workstream. Underpinning principles include environmental sustainability whilst every project must demonstrate <b>compatibility with the LCR net zero carbon 2040</b> goal. The plan seeks <b>£1.4 billion investment</b> to unlock £8.8 billion of projects and create over 120,000 jobs.  <a href="#">Link to LCR Combined Authority news article</a></p>	<p><b>Projects must support net zero carbon 2040.</b></p> <p><b>Opportunity to adopt circular economy methods and reduce carbon emissions and waste.</b></p>
<p><b>Good Business Festival</b>            Due to Covid disruption, the Festival will now proceed in 2 parts, including a <b>one-day digital event on October 8<sup>th</sup></b> and a <b>3-day festival from 2-4<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>. The festival will promote ethical business and explore opportunities to <b>build a greener and fairer economy</b>.  <a href="#">Link to Good Business Festival</a>  <a href="#">Link to LCR Combined Authority news article</a></p>	<p><b>Opportunity to promote social benefits of circular business models.</b></p>
<p><b>LCR CA and LEP meetings</b>            The LCR Combined Authority last met on 31.07.20 and the next meeting follows on 25.09.20.  <a href="#">Link to LCR Combined Authority meeting papers</a></p> <p>The Local Enterprise Partnership Board last met on 16.07.20 and the next meeting follows on 17.09.20.  <a href="#">Link to LEP Board meeting papers</a></p>	
<b>NATIONAL</b>	
<p><b>COVID-19 - Waste Services Guidance</b>            Government has <b>updated guidance on managing waste services and on working safely</b> during the pandemic. The Waste Industry Safety and Health Forum (WISH) has also published detailed advice.  <a href="#">Link to Guidance for Prioritising Waste Collection Services During Covid-19</a>  <a href="#">Link to Guidance on Managing HWRCs During Covid-19</a>  <a href="#">Link to Guidance on Working Safely During Covid-19</a>  <a href="#">Link to WISH Covid-19 and Waste Management Activities information</a> (see INFO 13 and REF 07)</p>	<p><b>Guidance continues to be updated. Remain vigilant.</b></p> <p><b>Additional waste management costs on LAs.</b></p>

<a href="#">Link to UK Covid-19 Recovery Strategy</a>	
<p><b>COVID-19 – Green Recovery</b></p> <p><b>Chancellor’s Summer Statement – A Plan for Jobs</b>  On 08.07.20 the Chancellor announced investment in infrastructure, housing and energy efficiency projects to support <b>job creation, decarbonisation and a green economic recovery</b>. The plan aims to deliver 0.5 mega tonnes of carbon emissions savings / year with <b>£1.3 billion funding invested in Mayoral Combined Authority / LEP projects across the country</b>.  <a href="#">Link to Chancellor's speech</a>  <a href="#">Link to 'A Plan for Jobs'</a></p> <p><b>New Deal for Britain</b>  Prior to the Chancellor’s statement, the PM outlined his priorities for Covid economic recovery in a 30.06.20 speech focusing on infrastructure investment and ‘build, build, build’ The PM also launched a <b>£40m Green Jobs Challenge Fund</b> linked to delivering a <b>zero carbon green economic recovery</b>.  <a href="#">Link to New Deal for Britain press release</a>  <a href="#">Link to Green Jobs Challenge Fund press release</a></p>	<p><b>Opportunity to decarbonise by sourcing reused / recycled materials in LCR projects.</b></p>
<p><b>EU Circular Economy Package adoption</b>  On 30.07.20 Government confirmed the package legislation will be adopted this autumn. This EU legislation was agreed before Brexit so must be adopted into UK law and includes a <b>65% municipal waste reuse and recycling target for England by 2035</b>. Package measures also <b>prevent incineration or landfilling of material separately collected for reuse or recycling</b>.  <a href="#">Link to DEFRA CEP policy statement</a>  <a href="#">Link to press release</a></p>	<p><b>Supports transition to circular economy.</b></p> <p><b>65% national reuse and recycling target by 2035</b></p> <p><b>No LA targets.</b></p>
<p><b>Environment Bill</b></p> <p><b>Targets</b>  On 19.08.20 DEFRA set out a new approach to setting environmental targets under the Bill. Resource efficiency and waste reduction are 1 of 4 priority areas and new targets will aim to <b>increase resource productivity and reduce residual waste</b>. <b>Final targets are expected in 2022</b>, whilst direct targets on LAs are not currently expected.  <a href="#">Link to press release</a>  <a href="#">Link to Environment Bill policy paper</a> (see 19.08.20 updates)</p>	<p><b>New national resources and waste targets by 2022.</b></p> <p><b>Residual waste targets support action on prevention, reuse, recycling, circular economy.</b></p>

<p><b>Progress through Parliament</b>  <b>Delayed due to the pandemic.</b> Next stages are now expected by 29.09.20 with further debates to follow. The Bill has a wide remit and would implement Resources and Waste Strategy proposals including <b>recycling consistency, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Deposit Return Schemes (DRS).</b>  <a href="#">Link to Environment Bill</a></p>	
<p><b>National Resources and Waste Strategy (RAWS)</b></p> <p><b>RAWS consultations</b>  The second round of consultations on RAWS proposals for recycling consistency, packaging EPR and DRS in England are <b>delayed until early 2021.</b></p> <p><b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b>  On 06.08.20 DEFRA published their approach to monitoring progress of RAWS against an indicator framework and how they will evaluate the impact on waste and the use of resources.  <a href="#">Link to policy paper</a></p>	<p><b>Major consultations early 2021.</b></p>
<p><b>Other National Activity</b></p> <p><b>National Waste Prevention Programme</b>  DEFRA and WRAP are developing a new Waste Prevention Programme and on 28.07.20 published a review of the 2013 version. The <b>new programme is expected later in 2020.</b>  <a href="#">Link to Waste Prevention Programme review</a></p> <p><b>Single Use Plastic Bag Charge increase</b>  On 31.08.20 DEFRA announced that the <b>charge will be extended to all retailers and increased to 10p from April 2021.</b> MHWP had supported the change in its 2019 consultation response on charging.  <a href="#">Link to press release</a>  <a href="#">Link to consultation and Govt response</a></p> <p><b>Recycle Week 2020</b>  Runs from <b>September 21-27</b> with a 'Together We Recycle' theme.  <a href="https://wrap.org.uk/content/recycle-week-2020">https://wrap.org.uk/content/recycle-week-2020</a></p> <p><b>Planning for the Future</b></p>	<p><b>New waste prevention proposals soon.</b></p> <p><b>Increased charge on single use plastic.</b></p> <p><b>Potential changes to waste planning system.</b></p>

<p>On 06.08.20 Government announced a consultation on <b>modernising the planning system</b> and streamlining processes.  <a href="#">Link to consultation</a></p> <p><b>Recent WRAP reports:</b></p> <p><b>6-point plan for post-covid growth</b> published 29.06.20  <a href="#">Link to report</a></p> <p><b>Citizens and food waste as lockdown eases</b> published 29.07.20  <a href="#">Link to report</a></p> <p><b>Halving food loss and waste in the EU by 2030</b>  <a href="#">Link to report</a></p> <p><b>Creating a circular economy for flexible plastic packaging</b> published 14.07.20  <a href="#">Link to report</a></p>	
<p><b>EU &amp; INTERNATIONAL</b></p>	
<p><b>EU Plastics Tax</b>  The EU is proposing to introduce an <b>€800 per tonne levy on unrecyclable plastic</b> in products from January 2021. Funds raised by the levy will support costs of the EU Covid recovery programme and support a <b>green recovery</b>. Any <b>impact on the UK is unclear</b> with discussions on the future EU – UK relationship continuing.</p>	<p><b>Increase tax on difficult to recycle products to support green recovery.</b></p>
<p><b>International Waste Export Restrictions</b>  The Environment Agency and WRAP continue to monitor the UK export situation and restrictions across Asia and the Far East continue. The Covid pandemic has added further export restrictions. <b>China have introduced new laws which may ban imports of solid waste from 2021.</b></p>	<p><b>China waste import ban 2021.</b></p> <p><b>LAs to raise any operational concerns with EA ASAP.</b></p>

## CONSULTATION RESPONSES UPDATE 01.09.20

CONSULTATION	DATES	RESPONSE	SUMMARY AND IMPLICATIONS
<b>FUTURE CONSULTATIONS</b>			
National Waste Prevention Programme	Autumn 2020	To confirm	Engagement expected on a new programme following review of the 2013 programme. May encourage more reuse at HWRCs and more support for community sector waste prevention activity.
EU Circular Economy Package (CEP) Transposition	Autumn 2020	To confirm	Possible consultation on transposition of revised EU Waste Directives from the CEP into UK law in autumn 2020.
HWRC Service Standardisation / Controlled Waste Regs 2012 Review	2020	To confirm	Possible consultation. May cover opening hours, accepted wastes, restrictions, charging.
Review of WEEE / Batteries System	2020	To confirm	To improve the current systems in line with EPR principles and improve cost recovery by Producers.
Recycling Consistency / Statutory Guidance	Early 2021	To confirm	To follow the 2019 recycling consistency consultation and consider proposals in more detail, including statutory guidance and minimum service standards for waste collection. Implementation from 2023.
Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)	Early 2021	To confirm	To follow the 2019 packaging EPR consultation and consider the preferred approach in more detail. Implementation from 2023 earliest.
Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)	Early 2021	To confirm	To follow the 2019 DRS consultation and consider the preferred approach in more detail. Implementation from 2023 earliest.
National Resources and Waste Targets	Early 2022	To confirm	Consultation to set national targets and support RAWs implementation. Targets to be enforced via Environment Bill / Office for Environmental Protection.

New EPR Materials	By 2022 / 2025	To confirm	Consultations expected on introducing new EPR schemes. 2 materials consulted on by 2022, 5 by 2025. May include textiles, furniture, mattresses, carpets, car tyres, commercial fishing gear.
<b>CURRENT CONSULTATIONS</b>			
Waste Management Plan for England (DEFRA) <a href="#">Link to consultation</a>	Opened 20.08.20  Closes 15.10.20	To review need for response.	There is legal requirement to review the plan every 6 years and an updated plan is being consulted on. The plan summarises existing policies and information on waste arisings and management. It does not contain new policies.
<b>RESPONSES MADE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS</b>			
Plastic Packaging Tax: Policy Design (HMRC) <a href="#">Link to consultation</a>	Submitted 19.08.20	MHWP	Whilst supporting introduction of the tax, the response called for stronger measures to promote a UK plastics circular economy and a reduction in difficult to reuse / recycle single use plastic items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting Government response.</li> </ul>
Consultation on WEEE Compliance Fee Methodology 2019 (DEFRA) <a href="#">Link to consultation</a>	Submitted 11.11.19	MRWA	The response supported setting of a compliance fee for 2019 which incentivises Producer Compliance Schemes to clear WEEE from all LA Designated Collection Facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government approved the Joint Trades Association (JTA) compliance fee proposal.</li> </ul>
National Food Strategy Call for Evidence (DEFRA) <a href="#">Link to consultation</a>	Submitted 25.10.19	MRWA	The response called for the adoption of a more sustainable food system in England based on circular economy principles to tackle the climate emergency and deliver zero carbon targets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 1 of the Strategy review was published 29.07.20, with Part 2 and recommendations expected in Spring 2021. Government White Paper expected 6 months later.</li> </ul>

Merseyside and Halton Waste Partnership (MHWP) consultation responses can be found at the partnership website [here](#).

## TARGETS TRACKER

Year	Action	Requirement
2020	50% of waste from households prepared for re-use or recycled	<b>EU Waste Framework Directive 2008 / The Waste (England &amp; Wales) Regulations 2011 / Joint Recycling &amp; Waste Management Strategy (JRWMS) for Merseyside 2011 - 2041:</b> EU – Statutory National - Statutory Merseyside – JRWMS non-statutory target (pooled target for MRWA & 5 Merseyside Districts) Individual LAs – No target
2020	Reduce the amount of local authority collected municipal waste (LACMW) landfilled to 10%	<b>JRWMS:</b> Merseyside – JRWMS non-statutory target
2025	55% of municipal waste reused or recycled	<b>Revised EU Waste Framework Directive 2018:</b> EU – Statutory National – adoption to be confirmed
2025	20% reduction in UK food and drink waste and carbon emissions compared with 2015	<b>Courtauld Commitment:</b> National – Non-statutory
2025	All plastic packaging placed on the market being recyclable, reusable or compostable	<b>Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England 2018:</b> National – Non-statutory
2025	70% of all plastics packaging waste effectively recycled or composted	<b>UK Plastics Pact 2018:</b> National – Non-statutory
2030	Eliminate landfilling of food waste	<b>Clean Growth Strategy 2017:</b> National – Non-statutory
2030	Reduce the amount of LACMW landfilled to 2%	<b>JRWMS:</b> Merseyside – JRWMS non-statutory target
2030	Reduce total waste arisings from households by 8% based on 2011 levels	<b>JRWMS:</b> Merseyside – JRWMS non-statutory pooled target
2030	60% of municipal waste reused or recycled	<b>Revised EU Waste Framework Directive 2018:</b>

		EU – Statutory National – adoption to be confirmed
2035	65% of municipal waste reused or recycled	<b>Revised EU Waste Framework Directive 2018:</b> EU – Statutory National – adoption to be confirmed
2035	Landfill of municipal waste limited to 10%	<b>Revised EU Waste Framework Directive 2018:</b> EU – Statutory National – adoption to be confirmed
2040	Zero carbon Liverpool City Region	<b>LCR Metro Mayor</b> LCR – Non-statutory
2042	Eliminate avoidable plastic waste	<b>25 Year Environment Plan 2018:</b> National – Non-statutory
2050	Zero avoidable waste and a doubling of resource productivity	<b>Clean Growth Strategy 2017:</b> National – Non-statutory
2050	Reduce carbon emissions by 100% of 1990 levels	<b>Climate Change Act 2008 (amended 2019):</b> National - Statutory

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