# National Waste Policy March 2020

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## National leadership in waste...

- Who is in charge?
- Stage 2 strategy consultations
  - Cross-cutting
  - Extended Producer Responsibility
  - Deposit Return Scheme
  - Consistency
- The Environment Bill
- Next Steps



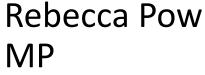
#### Ministerial Team

Secretary of
State for the
Environment,
Food and Rural
Affairs

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George Eustice MP



**Lord Goldsmith** 

Victoria Prentis MP









### Strategy Consultations Engagement

➤ Strategy released December 2018

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-and-waste-strategy-for-england

➤ Consultations launched February 2019

https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/resource-and-waste-and-plastic-packaging-tax-consu-1/

➤ Warwickshire Waste Partnership response submitted April 2019

https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/41 0/Meeting/4641/Committee/594/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx

➤ Summary of responses and next steps July 2019

https://resource.co/article/government-responds-resources-and-waste-consultations

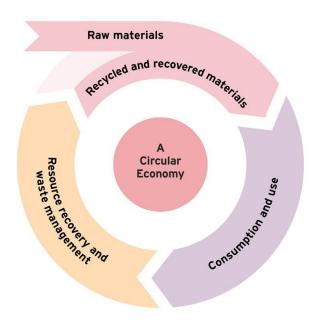
- ➤ Series of meetings in preparation for the next round of consultations taking place now
- ➤ Next stage is the launch of the stage 2 consultation documents

DEFRA hosting meetings on 4 themes:

### 1. Cross-cutting, industry-wide group

Strategic advice including risks, challenges and solutions

Identify and fill any evidence gaps



### 2. Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging

- Full net cost of recovery paid by 'producers'
- Local Authorities paid to collect, deliver, recycle and dispose
- Packaging design allowing for closed loop



#### 3. Deposit Return Scheme – Drinks containers

- Proposal was 15p per item
- Expected to capture 85% of materials
- Reduced litter
- Which materials?
- 'All in' or 'On the go'
- Location of collection
- Governance models



#### 4. Collection Consistency

- New burdens paid
- Separate weekly kerbside food collections
- Core set of dry materials
- Separately collected or mixed (TEEP)
- Affordability of free garden waste collections
- Service Standards e.g. regular residual, bin colours
- KPIs, e.g. by weight 55% by 2025, or other metrics



Glass
Paper and card
Plastic
Metal
Tetrapak?
Film?

### **Environment Bill**

- ➤Introduced October 2019
- ➤ General election December 2019
- ➤ Reintroduced 30 January 2020
- ➤ Second reading was February
- The Bill may be debated further at Committee Stage in March

#### Four priority areas:

- Air Quality
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Resource efficiency and waste reductions



Draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2019-21/environment.html

### **Environment Bill**

#### Areas relating to Local Authorities:

- Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)
  - Will hold government to account and provide advice
  - Based in Bristol along with the Environment Agency
- Producer Responsibility
  - Full net costs of dealing with end-of-life products collecting and transporting; sorting and treating; public information
- Deposit Return Schemes
  - Powers to implement
  - (There was a commitment in the Conservative election manifesto)

#### **Environment Bill**

#### Areas relating to Local Authorities:

- Charges for single use plastics
   Impact on litter
- Collection of waste

Food waste to be collected separately and weekly

Separate collection of: glass, metal, plastic, paper and card, garden waste

(TEEP test still applies)

Similar requirement for business and commercial waste

Electronic waste tracking

#### Other issues

- Manifesto commitment to increase penalties for fly-tipping
- Plastics Packaging Tax
- Waste Prevention Programme consultation
- Review of Controlled Waste Regs and HWRC wastes
- Ban on some single use plastics
- Additional produce responsibility?
  - Textiles, fishing gear, vehicle tyres, construction wastes, mattresses, furniture and carpets

#### Next steps

- There may be invitations from DEFRA or WRAP to take part in workshops
- ➤ Next round of consultations on EPR / DRS / Consistency
- ➤ Environment Act passed by December 2020
- ➤ Supporting legislation in place by December 2021
- ➤ Plastic tax introduced April 2022
- ➤ Prepare for EPR / DRS and consistency Develop funding approach
- ➤ Roll out EPR / DRS and consistency from 2023