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Environment Select Committee

Waste/Environment Bill update

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Environment Bill passes final hurdle to become law
10th Nov 2021

What is being proposed

- Environmental targets for Resources & Waste focused on:
 - increase resource productivity
 - reduce the amount of ‘residual’ waste we generate
- Resources & waste measures
 - Reforming the UK Packaging Producer Responsibility System
 - Introducing a Deposit return scheme
 - Consistency in Recycling
- Tackling Fly-tipping
 - greater enforcement powers and the ability to increase penalties for fly-tipping in the future

N.B. Most Environment Bill measures will require secondary legislation to be taken forward

Reforming Producer Responsibility

- Extended Producer Responsibility aims to support the achievement of 78% recycling of packaging waste by 2030
- Producers compelled to accept a “waste management obligation” and contribute to the cost of collecting & processing waste for material they place on market through “Full net cost” recovery payments.
- Launch date – unknown, probably 2024

Deposit Return Scheme

- **Aims** to improve the quantity and quality of municipal waste, and reduce littering of drinks packaging
- Focus on Drinks containers made of plastic, glass bottles, and metal.
- “All-in” or “On-the-go”?
- Return/takeback via Reverse Vending Machines (RVM) or digital?
- Still unclear on role of LAs and impact on Kerbside collections
- Launch - Unknown

Consistency in Recycling

- **Aims** to improve the quantity and quality of municipal waste and achieve a 65% recycling rate by 2035.
- All local authorities to collect the same core DMR materials from 2023
 - glass, paper and card, metal packaging, plastic bottles, PTTs, foil packaging, cartons (plus flexible plastic (Pouches) and film by 2026/27).
 - Food waste to be collected separately and weekly by 2023 but rumours of delay. (*funded New Burden*).
 - In Spring 2021 consultations DEFRA expressed a preference for free garden waste collections (240lt/fortnight). (*funded New Burden*).
- Multi-stream collections (i.e. Kerbside Sort) mandated unless not technically or economically practicable or environmentally beneficial (TEP+E Test).
- Gives SoS powers to add new materials the “to be collected” list and issue guidance i.e. frequency of collection for specified material streams

Implications

- New Infrastructure required to process required material range including Pots, Tubs, Trays, and Cartons, Plastic Film & Flexibles (pouches) as proposed in Spring 2021 RWS consultations
- Material loss to DRS - uncertainty over DRS makes scaling infrastructure difficult
- Delivery timelines are a concern with implementation expected to start in 2023/4. Planning application for new infrastructure likely in Jan 2022 with c. 2yr timeline to commissioning
- Multi-stream collections - Not favoured by PI collection authorities. Systems review work indicates that Twin Stream is optimal option for Hampshire. Supporting evidence will need to be used to complete TEP+E test
- Finances – will new funding sources be sufficient to cover service costs?
 - Net Zero Strategy - £295m capital funding for preparation for Separate Food Waste collections
 - New Burdens Funding for Food Waste & possibly Free Garden Waste collections etc – to be announced
 - EPR Funding – funding formula & timing of introduction still uncertain.
 - DRS – probable impact on material sales income

Timescales

- Environment Bill became the Environment Act on 10th November
- Government responses to Spring 2021 RWS consultations expected late 21 – early 22
- Secondary legislation to follow Environment Bill in 2022-23
- Introduction of:
 - Consistency in Recycling possibly from 2023 but talk of delays i.e. food waste
 - EPR – LA funding was expected late 2023 now expected in 2024/25 financial year
 - DRS introduction date to be announced

Further information

- [September 2021: Waste and resource efficiency factsheet \(part 3\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)
[\(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- [Hampshire Leaders Waste Update - November 2020](https://office.com) [\(office.com\)](https://office.com)

Thank You