



The Future of Waste Management Promoting a Circular Economy in the UK

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 14th March 2017
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

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Overview

In December 2015 the European Commission adopted an ambitious Circular Economy Package, a strategy that included revised legislation on waste and is specifically designed to stimulate Europe's transition towards a circular economy through a range of measures aimed at increasing resource efficiency and minimising waste. Given that the UK's policy on waste management comes from the EU, this new legislation was particularly important as it introduced a common EU target for recycling 65% of municipal waste and 75% of packaging waste. It also set a binding target of a maximum of 10% of all waste to be achieved by 2030.

Local authorities in England have had to double their spending to £3.28 billion since 2000 in pursuit of the EU waste targets, making waste collection and disposal the third largest cost service for English local authorities. Local authorities are directly involved in working towards the targets set by the EU in two areas: landfill and recycling. Reduction in landfill has been as high as 78% during the last decade. Despite the commitment of local authorities that has resulted in a 400% increase in recycling levels since 2000, the UK is not yet on track to meet the 50% target by 2020.

With many of the advances in environmental policy in the UK having been driven by the European Union and with the country lacking a formal UK-wide strategy, the future of circular economy framework post-Brexit remains uncertain. At the same time, the recent creation of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in July 2016 is viewed as a good platform to address resource challenges and integrate circular economy principles into a new UK industrial strategy. Last February (2016) Scotland became the first country in the UK with a clear framework, after publishing its first Circular Economy Strategy.

One year after the publication of the new Circular Economy Package, this timely symposium is an invaluable opportunity for local authorities, environment policy advisors, heads of waste policy and sustainability, businesses, members of the third sector and academics to discuss the next steps that need to be taken on national and local levels to improve resource efficiency and minimise waste.

“Circular economies recover resources at their highest quality and keep them in circulation for longer. Shifting to this model could alleviate concerns arising from current approaches to material use, such as resource insecurity and pollution.”

- Designing a Circular Economy, September 2016

Accommodation

Through our partnership with HotelMap, we are able to offer our delegates heavily discounted hotel rates at a wide range of London hotels. To view hotel availability and rates and to book online, visit www.HotelMap.com/M5NUZ/



Why Attend?

- ✓ Understand the circular economy and its impact on the waste sector
- ✓ Assess the economic, social and environmental benefits for taxpayers, consumers and businesses
- ✓ Evaluate the latest policy developments and discuss the future for UK waste management policy post-Brexit
- ✓ Identify opportunities for businesses in waste and recycling sectors
- ✓ Evaluate ways to encourage the integration of circular economy into schools and embed a sustainability culture
- ✓ Share best practice and exchanges ideas on how to meet the two EU targets on landfills and recycling
- ✓ Explore the role of innovation and technology in providing opportunities for circular economy business approaches
- ✓ Examine the role of local authorities in promoting a circular economy and consider partnership working across councils

Who Should Attend?

- Local Authorities
- Local Housing Authorities
- Waste Partnership Sector Professionals
- Waste Collection Organisations
- Waste Companies
- Waste Contractors
- Waste Services Professionals
- Waste Managers Associations
- Reuse Organisations
- Reuse Groups
- Reuse Partners
- Recycle Organisations
- Retail Consortia
- Household Waste and Recycling Centres
- Furniture Reuse Sector Professionals
- Furniture Restoration and Domestic Appliance Repairs Organisations
- Environmental Sector Professionals
- Online Re-use Networks
- Community Recycling Professionals
- Relevant Trade Associations
- Universities
- Scrapstores
- Central Government
- Third Sector Professionals
- Voluntary and Community Organisations
- Charities
- Social Enterprises
- Relevant Private Sector Professionals
- Private Energy Sector Professionals
- Energy Efficiency Professionals
- Public Health Professionals
- Teams in Housing Associations
- Housing Services Management Teams
- Housing Management Officers
- Housing Finance Professionals
- Neighbourhood Advisors
- Neighbourhood Officers/Managers
- Community Development Teams
- Community Involvement Officers
- Community Engagement Officers

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Programme

09:30	Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15	Chair's Welcome and Introduction
10:30	Panel Session One: Towards a Circular and Zero Waste Economy: Addressing Current and Future Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the circular economy and its impact on the waste sector: assess the economic, social and environmental benefits for taxpayers, consumers and the private sector• The policy framework: analyse latest policy developments and assess the future for UK waste management policy within the framework of Brexit• Identifying barriers towards establishing a circular economy for waste material: addressing regulatory, financial and systemic barriers and discuss ways to overcome them• Investing in waste and recycling sectors: identifying opportunities for businesses and how they can maximise benefits for society through creating jobs and increasing growth• Education and public campaigns: encouraging the integration of circular economy thinking into schools and investing public awareness campaigns to embed a sustainability culture
11:15	Morning Refreshments
11:30	Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30	Networking Lunch
13:30	Panel Session Two: The Role of Local Authorities and the Private Sector in Delivering a Circular Economy for Waste Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinating action across local authorities: increasing partnership working to deliver efficiencies in waste management• Focusing on changes to product design and ownership: exploring the role of producers in supporting the development of a circular economy• Boosting innovation in the waste sector: the role of technology in providing opportunities for circular economy business approaches• Share best practice and exchange ideas on how the two EU targets on landfill and recycling can be met• Constructing effective local strategies in a time of austerity: discuss the need for long-term strategies to help local government achieve a more holistic approach on waste management
14:15	Afternoon Refreshments
14:30	Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30	Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
15:40	Networking Reception
16:30	Close

** Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice **

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Forthcoming Events

Evaluating NHS Dental Reform: Ensuring the Best Outcomes for Dentists and Patients
29th November 2016

Putting Children First: Improving Outcomes for Looked-After Children and Young People
1st December 2016



Helping Young People to Fulfil their Ambitions: Ensuring High Quality Careers Guidance in Schools and Colleges
6th December 2016

Fulfilling Our Ambitions for End of Life Care: Delivering a Co-ordinated, Compassionate & Person Centred Approach
7th December 2016

The Role of Fire and Rescue Authorities in Building Safe and Healthy Communities: Focusing on Transformation and Collaboration
8th December 2016

Putting Community Pharmacies at the Heart of the NHS - Improving Practice and Providing Quality Care
10th January 2017

Tackling Rape, Sexual Assault and Harassment at Universities and Colleges
11th January 2017

Reflecting and Representing the Community You Serve: Increasing Diversity and Equality in Policing
12th January 2017

A New Strategy for Cancer: Improving Care, Choice and Outcomes
17th January 2017

Tackling Dangerous Dog Attacks: Reviewing the Government Strategy and Promoting Partnership in Preventing Dog Attacks
18th January 2017

Improving Our Nation's Flood Resilience: Protecting Communities Against Increasingly Severe Flooding
19th January 2017

Assessing Local Parking Enforcement: Evaluating Implementation, Impact and Innovation
24th January 2017

Exploring the Future of Immigration and Asylum in Post-Brexit Britain
25th January 2017