## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for waste policy and the circular economy in England

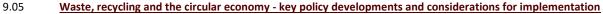
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9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian



Senior academic

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 9.30 Policy priorities for tackling plastic waste and next steps for the circular economy in England

priorities for the new Circular Economy Strategy | integrating circular economy approaches with the Industrial Strategy and net zero delivery | enhancing sustainability, ethical standards, and international collaboration | streamlining regulatory processes for improved waste and recycling management | implications for business models and investment planning | expanding recycling initiatives to reduce reliance on primary extraction | policy alignment with devolution and structural reform | feasibility of large-scale commercial recycling | policy incentives to support the development of secondary supply chains | integrating recycling into net zero strategies

Councillor Rowena Champion, Vice-Chair, North London Waste Authority

Agnes Chruszcz, Policy and Engagement Lead, Circular Economy and Social Sustainability, ISEP

Adam Isaacs, Public Affairs Manager UK&I, Too Good To Go

**Fiona Campbell**, Head, Sustainability, Biffa **Nick Churchward**, Partner, Burges Salmon

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 10.20 Priorities for developing a circular economy strategy in England

**Emma Bourne**, Director, Circular Economy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Questions and comments from the floor

## 10.45 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 Break

### 11.00 Chair's opening remarks

**Iqbal Mohamed MP** 

#### 11.05 <u>Delivering simpler recycling and preparing for the DRS</u>

Dr Adam Read, Chief Sustainability and External Affairs Officer, Suez UK

# 11.15 Simpler Recycling and food waste collection - local authority readiness, consumer engagement and opportunities for innovation

priorities for implementing Simpler Recycling | lessons learnt from early rollout and food waste pilots | improving public awareness and voluntary compliance | local authority readiness for April 2026 changes | using digital tools and AI to support engagement and compliance monitoring | strategies for consistent consumer behaviour

Claire Shrewsbury, Director, Insights and Innovation, WRAP

Senior representative, local authority Senior representative, consumers

11.35 Questions and comments from the floor

#### 11.55 Implementing DRS and EPR - practical delivery, infrastructure readiness, and investment priorities

timelines and key steps for DRS and pEPR rollout | readiness of PackUK and the new scheme administrator | strategic infrastructure and planning reform | the role of incinerators and energy from waste infrastructure in waste management | funding the circular economy | public/private investment, subsidies, and fiscal incentives | addressing fee structures and recyclable material issues, including glass | digital waste tracking responsibilities, costs and privacy | balancing mandatory and voluntary compliance mechanisms

Matthew Kay, Glass Packaging Policy Lead, British Glass

Martin Hyde, Sustainability and Public Affairs Manager, Aluminium Packaging Recycling Organisation

Senior representative, retail

Senior representative, supply chain

## 12.40 <u>Circular economy implementation in practice - recycling rates, waste reduction, community engagement and investment</u>

Dr Andy Rees, Head, Waste Strategy, Welsh Government

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 13.05 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

**Iqbal Mohamed MP** 

Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

