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Business Readiness Forum

Resources & Waste

7 November 2023

Housekeeping

- We are using a webinar format for the meeting today
- There is no question function for this Forum - please use the 'raise hand function' to ask questions when prompted!
- Listen to presentations first as you may find the answer to your question already addressed. We will try and answer them directly by our team specialists in the allocated time on the agenda
- Questions will be taken on just today's agenda topics, unless specified
- A write-up of the meeting and Q&As to be included in R&W newsletter – 16 November
- There may be questions we need to take away and we will aim to get these answered as soon as we can
- This session is recorded for our records

Agenda - 1

10.00am – 10.05am	Welcome and Introduction	Kayti Boorman, Stakeholder Engagement, Resources & Waste
10.05am – 10.20am	Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Scheme Administrator	Louise Vargas, Scheme Administrator Delivery Team
10.20am – 10.35am	EPR Modulated Fees – engagement update	Barbara Leach, Fees & Payments Calculator Lead

Agenda – 2

10.35am – 10.50am	EPR Evaluation Survey: Business surveys	Aspasia Papa, Senior Evaluator and Evgeniya Gorbatshevich, Principal Research Officer
10.50am – 10.55am	Disposable Vapes	Kayti Boorman, Stakeholder Engagement, Resources & Waste
10.55am – 11.00am	Round up, upcoming events, future meetings and close	Kayti Boorman, Stakeholder Engagement, Resources & Waste



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Extended Producer Responsibility - Scheme Administrator update



Scheme Administrator update

- Recruitment process is on-going for Member seats
- More substantive update in December when seats have been filled
- Producer interviews began last week – w/c 30th October
- NGO and Chair interviews offered this week
- Applications shortly opening to Waste Management organisations

Questions





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Extended Producer Responsibility - Modulated Fees and Recyclability Assessment Methodology (RAM) Update





Modulated Fees Vision Event

Over 100 attended across the whole value chain

Productive discussion on:

- moving beyond recyclability
- strategic thinking about granularity of packaging supply data

Some feedback, mainly from obligated producers, that this was repeating previous processes,

- Haven't previously involved the whole value chain or had quite so mixed discussions
- Time is right now to directly influence design work

Summary will be circulated ASAP





Upcoming modulated fees engagements

DATE: TBC - Modulated fees online session for eNGOs, charities, green groups and consumer groups

Aim: To bring the consumer perspective into thinking, recognising that this will not always be evidence-based but is still important to consider

DATE: TBC - Surgery sessions for companies concerned about packaging that's on the early years modulation shortlist but which currently cannot be substituted

Individual sessions to hear and understand concerns, and gather any supporting evidence

DATE: TBC - Webinar and online breakouts on behavioural drivers

To share results of Kantar work and sense-check with obligated producers and experts



Upcoming RAM and Modulated Fees engagements

DATE: TBC - Recyclability Deep dive – fibre-based composites

Aim: To share thinking on the RAM in relation to fibre-based composites

DATE: TBC - Recyclability Deep dive – plastics

Aim: To bring the consumer perspective into thinking, recognising that this will not always be evidence-based but is still important to consider

DATE: TBC - Reporting categories

Aim: To share thinking and get feedback on the level of granularity of reporting in 2025 to implement the early years of modulated fees and how this links to the RAM

Questions





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Resources and Waste Evaluation – Business surveys



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Background

Defra commissioned Ipsos, in partnership with Ricardo and Technopolis, to carry out an evaluation of the R&WS over a five-year period, starting in February 2022, during which key policies will be developed and implemented.

The aim of the evaluation is to help Defra understand what has and has not been successful about the design and delivery of objectives and commitments within the R&WS, why and for whom.

- **Five impact evaluations** covering high-level outcomes of the policies.
- 12 light-touch evaluations of key policies (**process evaluations**) that Defra will implement over the lifetime of the evaluation, kicked off at least six months after the policy's implementation, with the aim of understanding the initial outcomes of the policy and indicative progress towards longer-term outcomes.
- An **economic evaluation**, comprising estimates of the cost/benefit ratio of the progress to date towards achieving the policy outcomes.

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Impact Evaluation - Policy Outcomes (POs)

- **PO1** - More products are regularly retained, reused, repurposed, refurbished, or remanufactured
- **PO2/3** - Recycling rates for households, businesses, and municipal waste increase *and* Household, municipal and business waste streams improve in quality
- **PO4** - Plastic waste and plastic pollution is reduced
- **PO5** - Waste crime is reduced
- **PO6** - Eliminate food waste to landfill by 2030

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Policy Evaluations

- Single-use plastics ban, implemented in October 2023
- Carriers, Brokers and Dealers (CBD)
- Enhanced Approach to Businesses Reporting Food Waste
- Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (pEPR)
- Waste Tracking Exemptions
- Simpler Recycling
- Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE)
- End of Life Vehicles (ELV)
- Batteries
- Textiles

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Areas for which data are collected:

- Consumer awareness and choices related to waste, resource use and sustainability
- Business behaviour change related to product design (eco-design) and sustainable business models and operational processes
- Use of reusable, recyclable and recycled materials
- Changes to waste streams (including food waste)
- Regulatory requirements
- Recycling technology
- Waste management capacity and capabilities

Resources and Waste Evaluation – Business surveys

Who	Detail	Aim
Waste businesses survey	Businesses dealing with waste collection, waste transport, waste management, waste disposal)	Assess changes in waste management practices
Product & packaging producers survey	Manufacturers of packaging, products, brand owners and importers of packaged goods	Assess changes in product packaging and packaging design practice
Food and beverage retailers survey	Retail shops selling food and beverages, hotels, cafes, restaurants and bars	Assess changes in packaging design and product packaging choices, as well as DRS impacts (once policy is implemented)
EEE, batteries, textiles business survey	Producers and retailers of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), batteries and textile products in England	Track business practices for production, repair, and refurbishment of these products. This is an England only survey.
Waste generating business survey	Businesses who produce household-like waste such as office-based companies/locations – formally classed as generators of non-household municipal waste	Assess changes in waste separation practices and explore considerations of sustainability in business models/operations

Resources and Waste Evaluation – Business surveys

Next steps:

- The survey will **be launched in mid-November**
- Collect feedback from business associations and Defra policy teams
- Data analysis and triangulation with financial information and other existing data sources

How to get involved:

- If you would like to be involved and are interested in taking part in a survey, please provide your contact details in [this form](#). Alternatively, please email: Aspasia.papa@defra.gov.uk or Evgeniya.Gorbatsevich@defra.gov.uk.

Questions





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Disposable Vapes

Disposable Vapes

- The government has launched a consultation seeking views on plans to crack down on youth vaping in the next steps to create the first smokefree generation
- The consultation was launched on 12 October 2023 and includes proposals to restrict child-friendly flavours and bright coloured packaging
- The introduction of cheap and accessible disposable vape products is also causing major environmental harm
- The proposals will be a major benefit to the environment by tackling a problematic waste stream
- The consultation closes on 11:59pm on **6 December 2023**
- This update was published in the recent R&W Newsletter and had the links to the consultation

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Engagement update

Engagement & Event Update

Outstanding questions from Simpler Recycling extraordinary forums - replies to be included in our next R&W newsletter (16th November)

Business Readiness Survey - please complete this survey to help us monitor effectiveness of our communications and engagement activities - <https://createsend.com/t/t-92901213BF4DAAE42540EF23F30FEDED>

Upcoming Events

Questions



Next Meetings

Business Readiness Forum:

- 5 December 2023
- 6 February 2024

Local Authority Forum:

- 6 December 2023
- 7 February 2024

Waste Management Forum:

- 7 December 2023
- 8 February 2024

Thank you

