

ADEPT Waste Policy and Vision

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ADEPT vision: place shaping for the future.

Environment Board vision: to achieve sustainable growth.

ADEPT's vision for waste management is to conserve natural resources and realise the value of waste - through the operation of a circular economy.

Local authorities will play a fundamental role in delivery of this vision through the provision of effective and efficient services and infrastructure to householders and businesses for the collection and processing of material streams. A transparent funding system based on extended producer responsibility will operate to encourage resource efficiency with direct benefits for individuals, local communities and householders.

ADEPT will be central to the development of policy and regulation for waste management, and will advise and work with Government, industry and regulators towards achievement of its vision and objectives. The nature of its membership means that ADEPT has a unique insight into the issues affecting delivery of public sector waste services. ADEPT wishes to use the broad and strategic nature of its expertise to consolidate and further develop its position as the primary voice for local authority waste service delivery.

Policies to help deliver the vision:

- ADEPT supports the concept of a circular economy as a mechanism to deliver resource efficiency, and will take action to encourage Government, Industry and its membership to deliver this outcome
- ADEPT advocates for a review of the funding and governance for household waste management in the UK to help enable a shift of the burdens towards waste producers and consumers and away from council tax payers, which should identify a suitable and transparent balanced mix of extended producer responsibility, central taxation, household incentives and payments
- ADEPT believes that the UK should be self-sufficient in its ability to manage waste, and with limited exceptions, should only export materials derived from waste where value has been added to the extent that those materials have ceased to be considered as 'waste' and to recover value wherever possible from waste as a resource
- ADEPT recognises the value and benefits to society from increased harmonisation and common approaches to managing waste but also recognises the need for local choice and diversity
- ADEPT recognises the need to address waste crime and will work with partners and regulators to help drive timely prevention and enforcement
- ADEPT supports a review of the performance management framework for waste with a view to effectively capturing and reporting performance against wider environmental impacts including carbon impacts and greenhouse gas emissions.



Terms of Reference. The ADEPT Waste Group will:

- represent the interests of members and work with Government, Industry and other organisations to address and overcome challenges to achieving its vision, and in developing and implementing national policy and regulation in relation to waste and resource management
- Encourage its members to work collaboratively and in partnership to maximise benefits of scale and improve efficiencies
- Research, promote and share good practice with ADEPT members and other organisations
- Lead and work with networks and other stakeholders in developing common ambitions, plans and messages
- Develop and deliver an action plan to deliver its objectives
- Actively engage with Government and stakeholders to develop and share intelligence within its members, and to maintain effective relationships
- Strive to promote and innovate change and transformation within ADEPT membership by communicating effectively, sharing best practice and harnessing expertise
- Periodically assess and advise on waste treatment capacity and other national waste infrastructure needs having regard to location and policy and regulatory constraints and aspirations.