

## **Key Aspects of the National Waste Policy Review**

### **Overall Ambition**

- Securing long-term supply of materials that are becoming scarcer.
- Promoting the use of life cycle thinking in all waste management decisions.
- Establishing the right balances on service provision between convenience, cost and environmental benefits.
- Preventing waste where it occurs as a priority.

### **Local Authority Related Issues**

- Better procurement and joint working between Local Councils.
- Encouraging weekly household collections of food waste and processing the food into compost or fuel.
- Focusing on quality of recyclates passed to reprocessors.
- Restricting the land filling of wood waste.
- Reviewing the land filling of textiles and biodegradable wastes.
- Focusing enforcement on illegal waste sites and fly tipping rather than what the Government considers to be 'trivial' waste enforcement misdemeanours.
- Removing criminal sanctions applying to householders and ensuring any fines Councils can impose are appropriate.
- Councils to sign-up to the new Recycling and Waste Services Commitment.
- Abolition of targets, some data requirements and legislative burdens including the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) from 2012/13.
- Backing the Keep Britain Tidy's 'Love Where You Live' Campaign.
- Reinforcing that EU targets are legally binding on Member States, but not requiring Local Councils to meet statutory recycling targets.

**Businesses**

- Supporting greater use of responsibility deals with a focus on the retail; hospitality, direct mail and waste industry sectors.
- Developing recycling services for business waste, especially Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- Increasing recycling targets on packaging producers from 2013 to 2017.
- Establishing a sub-target for recycling glass into re-melt applications.