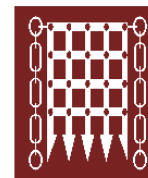


## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

### Waste in England: next steps for DRS and EPR

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville**
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for plastic waste and the circular economy - key issues and challenges for the new Government**  
**Professor Peter Hopkinson**, Professor, Circular Economy, University of Exeter; and Co-Director, Exeter Centre for the Circular Economy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Evaluating the current outlook for Extended Producer Responsibility - progress and priorities for 2025**  
**Jordan Girling**, Head, Extended Producer Responsibility, WRAP
- 9.40 **Next steps for Extended Producer Responsibility - priorities for development and implementation**  
*refining the regulatory system for EPR | enabling its functioning across different layers of the value chain | role of the Interim EPR Steering Group | achieving and delivering clarity for stakeholders | implications for SMEs | providing clarity on regulations | establishing what constitutes household waste | addressing how varying materials life cycles can be accommodated in EPR | advancing technology and innovation to allow EPR to be exercised by producers | reducing costs and improving performance across the recycling chain*  
**Martin Trigg-Knight**, Director, Compliance Service, Clarity Environmental  
**Jessica Burt**, Associate, Food Law, Mills and Reeve  
**Tim Rotheray**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Viridor  
Senior representative, manufacturing
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **'Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility update'**  
**Harshal Gore**, Head, Strategy and External Relations, EPR, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville**
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**
- 11.15 **'Key issues for policy coordination on resource and waste policy across the UK'**  
**Dr Colin Church**, CEO, Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Experience from Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme**  
**Ciaran Foley**, CEO, Re-turn
- 11.50 **Priorities for implementing an effective Deposit Return Scheme by 2027**  
*effects of the delay to DRS in the UK | practicalities of ensuring the interoperability of different schemes throughout the UK | priorities for international and intergovernmental relationships | enabling a unified approach to recycling and waste reduction | what can be learned from Ireland's DRS | the future for the inclusion of glass in the UK's DRS*  
**Dr Adam Read**, Chief Sustainability and External Affairs Officer, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK  
**Councillor Clyde Loakes**, Councillor, Waltham Forest Council; and Chair, North London Waste Authority  
**Julian Hunt**, Vice President, Public Affairs and Communications, The Coca-Cola Company  
**Allison Ogden-Newton**, Chief Executive, Keep Britain Tidy
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for international global plastic treaty negotiations and the role of the UK**  
**Dr Geoff Mackey**, Country Manager, UK, Plastics Europe  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum