



Update on current Waste Related Government Consultations



There have been a number of waste related policy consultations under the Environment Bill.

The consultations cover

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- A Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)
- Consistent Recycling Collections



- The EPR and DRS consultations closed on Friday 4 June.
- The Consistent Collections Consultation closes on Sunday 4 July 2021

Extended Producer Responsibility



- To reappropriate the full cost of collecting household waste from the taxpayer to packaging producers.
- Local authorities which operate ‘efficient and effective’ collection systems will have their full net costs recovered via a modelled approach based on the tonnage collected.

Extended Producer Responsibility



- The consultation also proposes that producers of commonly littered packaging items be made responsible for the costs.
- Potential start date 2023.

Deposit Return Scheme



- To encourage the recycling of drink bottles through the incentive of a refundable deposit.
- This would be facilitated through Reverse Vending Machines as well as manual return points in shops.

Deposit Return Scheme



- Options are
 - On the go (drinks container under 750ml)
 - All-in (drinks container up to 3 litres)
- To include
 - Plastic drink bottles
 - Steel & Aluminium cans
 - Potentially Glass bottles
- Potential start date of late 2024

Consistent Collections



- A consistent set of materials to be collected from households and businesses.
- The core set of materials would be Glass, Paper, Card, Cans and Plastics.
- The consultation also looks at whether these items should be collected separately or what could be collected together.

Consistent Collections



- Things to consider
 - Quality of materials collected
 - Space for sorting bins or containers
 - Different types / more collection vehicles required
 - Frequency of collections
 - Applies to business and households
 - Transfer / waste sorting infrastructure

Consistent Collections



- Other topics being consulted on
 - Food waste to be collected weekly
 - Free garden waste service
- Potential start date of October 2023