Waste Tracking Service

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Overview

• The UK generates around 200 million tonnes of waste

• Being able to track movements of all waste from the producer via the carrier to its final destination would provide us with a more detailed picture of what is happening to our waste

• Current systems do not help us as they are not linked, are often paper based and held by different organisations

Key annual facts for UK waste

- Over 2.5 million hazardous waste movements
- 5.5 million businesses record waste transfers under duty of care
- 420 local authorities report on 32 million tonnes of waste
Current systems

- Fragmented set of systems that do not ‘talk’ to each other
- Includes multiple reporting and data gaps
- Many millions of pieces of paper moving in different directions
- Businesses may have to deal with a number of different reporting systems
Ambition

To complete a discovery to see if/how we can transform the way waste is moved and tracked, looking at opportunities to simplify processes and deliver benefits to everyone involved in the waste chain.
Waste Tracking Vision

• Something that works for everyone
• Provides good quality data and information to:
  • Strengthen and monitor compliance
  • Reduce data reporting for businesses
  • Help businesses to know more about their waste
  • Enhance opportunities for new data analysis
  • Allow us to map waste and resource flows
  • Identify illegal activities
Progress so far

• Working across UK for 18 months on pre-discovery phase
• Funding now agreed to start a formal project
• Discovery phase started mid October 2017 and expected to complete March 2018
• Agile approach to project management

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**Discovery**
Finding out what the users need, what to measure and what the constraints are

**Alpha**
Building a prototype, testing it with users and learning from it

**Beta**
Scaling up and going public

**Live**
Learning how to continuously improve the live service
What will Discovery produce?

• Insight about users and their needs
• An overview of the “as-is” situation and problems
• An initial overview of the potential future service, and enabling technology
• An understanding of the need for regulatory and policy changes
• A set of user stories prioritised for exploration in future phases
• A business case for further phases

NOTE: Discovery might tell us it is not viable to continue to develop a Waste Tracking Service
How can you get involved?

We are keen to hear your views and need volunteers to work with us so that we can understand:

• how you currently manage movements of waste
• the problems or frustrations you experience
• your ideas for how we can improve things

A questionnaire is available for you to complete to begin this process
Contact for more information:

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Thank You