A STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING WASTE DATA IN SCOTLAND

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A strategy for improving waste data in Scotland aims to deliver Scotland’s current and future waste data needs as we move towards a more resource focused future.

It seeks to:

• Support Scotland’s move towards a more circular economy, as set out in *Making Things Last*
• Transform the way we collect and report waste data to help track the movement of waste through our economy (waste flows)
• Guide the delivery of more electronic systems for waste data collection, management and reporting.
Waste data strategy

Delivering Scotland's current and future waste data needs.

Waste data is essential for knowing what waste is produced in Scotland, and how and where it is managed. As Scotland moves towards a more circular economy – where products and materials are kept in high-value use for as long as possible – this latest waste data strategy outlines five priority actions being taken to improve our understanding of how products and materials flow through our economy.

View the waste data strategy

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CASE STUDIES

Showing how waste data has been used to inform the management of waste and materials and increase our understanding of the economic, environmental and social impacts of waste.

If you would like to submit a case study, please contact wastedatastrategy@sepa.org.uk

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SIGNPOST TO DATA

The WDS page points to the interactive data analysis ‘Discover’ tools for waste from all sources, household waste, and recyclate quality. There is also waste management site level information in the waste sites tool.

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WHAT YOU TOLD US WAS IMPORTANT...

- Accessibility
- Quality, accuracy and completeness
- Timeliness
- Responsibility
- Consistency
- Relevance
- Transparency

Outcomes from 2016 waste data strategy workshop
1: To keep the waste data needs of Scotland under review, considering gaps, overlaps, inconsistencies and future requirements to ensure we continue to capture relevant data.

2: To identify opportunities to improve systems and processes, and work with stakeholders to make this happen, developing guidance and training to support users.

3: To collect and manage waste data using best practice principles to build trust and ensure clarity across the data chain.

4: To review and progress the tools and levers required to support and monitor Scotland’s transition to a more circular economy.

5: To share and publish waste data in an efficient and timely manner and in ways that make it easier to communicate the impact and value of waste.

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...HOW WE TURNED THOSE POINTS INTO ACTIONS
MONITORING AND ENGAGEMENT

• There is a **WDS board** to monitor the strategy and report on progress (comprised of representatives from the Scottish Government, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Zero Waste Scotland)
• There is a dedicated page on **SEWeb** to access the strategy, share waste data related web links, updates and case studies
• We are considering **data practitioner workshops** (like this one) to engage with data providers and users
• We recognise that **partnership working** is key to delivering success.
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