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ESA PRESS STATEMENT

ESA endorses recommendations set out by Gove to tackle waste crime

LONDON, 15 November 2018: The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice for the UK's resource and waste management industry, today reacted to Michael Gove's recent report of the independent review of waste crime in England.

ESA's Head of Regulation, Sam Corp said:

"ESA is delighted that many of the report's recommendations mirror those put forward in ESA's Rethinking waste crime report published last year. Particularly helpful are the recommendations to tighten up duty of care regulation and the carriers, brokers, dealers' regime, and which appear to reflect policy proposals which ESA and others recently submitted to Government.

We look forward to continuing to work with Government through the resources and waste strategy to make these recommendations a reality"

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Notes to editors:

1. The **Environmental Services Association** (ESA) is the trade association representing the UK's resource and waste management industry, which is leading the transformation of how the UK's waste is managed.

2. We work with all levels of government, regulators and the public to deliver a more sustainable waste and resource management solution for the UK. ESA's recent Circular Economy report '*Going for Growth – A practical route to a circular economy*', which outlines how a Circular rather than a linear economy can help manage resources sustainably, can be downloaded [here](#).
3. ESA's Members manage waste on behalf of the whole of society and we are recovering more than ever before. For example, the industry has helped quintuple the UK's household recycling rates over the last decade.

4. The sector at a glance

- Total turnover: **£11 billion**
- Direct Employment: **106,000 people** (*including waste collection, treatment and materials recovery*)
- Municipal waste handled each year: **27 million tonnes**
- Energy generated (across landfill gas, anaerobic digestion and energy from waste) each year: **approximately 11,867 GWh**, which is 3.5% of the UK's electricity
 - **9,083 GWh of that was renewable electricity** (taking out non-biodegradable portion of EfW) which is **11%** of UK's renewable electricity
- Greenhouse **gas emissions down by 70% since 1990.**
- The **top seven companies account for approximately 40% of turnover**. Many hundreds of SMEs provide either localised or more specialised services
- Waste & recycling is the **most highly rated of all council services** by the public (2016 survey)

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