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ESA welcomes governments review into organised waste crime

LONDON, 11 June 2018: The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice for the UK's resource and waste management industry, today welcomed the governments review into organised waste crime.

ESA's Head of Regulation, Sam Corp said:

"ESA very much welcomes this review into organised waste crime. The review helpfully considers a number of aspects previously explored in ESA's 'Rethinking Waste Crime' report published last year, such as the extent and nature and impact of waste crime, as well as putting forward recommendations to tackle this serious threat to both the environment and to legitimate business."

"The review rightly highlights the importance of effective intelligence and information sharing, and the importance of collaboration to tackle the threat of waste crime. We welcome this focus as we are already working closely with the Environment Agency on improving the flow of information relating to suspect waste criminal activities and under the remit of the Environment Agency/ ESA 'Accord' agreed last year. We also hope that this aspect can be a key focus of the 'Right Waste, Right Place' campaign to raise awareness of the waste 'duty of Care' in the coming months."

"We look forward to inputting into this review and to informing the Government's strategic approach to waste crime expected in the forthcoming Waste Strategy."

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Notes to editors:

1. More information about the Right Waste Right Place campaign can be found here: <http://www.rightwasterightplace.com/>
2. ESA's recent waste crime report 'Rethinking Waste Crime, can be downloaded [here](#)
3. 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.
4. We work with all levels of government, regulators and the public to deliver a more sustainable waste and resource management solution for the UK.
5. 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.
6. **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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