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PRIME MINISTER'S TASK FORCE SUPPORTS ESA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RISK-BASED REGULATION

The Environmental Services Association (ESA) has welcomed a report, published today, from the Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform (TIGRR) and the recommendations it makes to the Prime Minister about how the UK can reshape regulation and seize new opportunities from Brexit. The report sets out measures to boost jobs and level up through better regulation to promote the growth sectors of the future.

ESA's Head of Regulation Sam Corp said: "The recommendations in the report are wide-ranging but, importantly, the overarching recommendation is for a 'proportionality principle' to ensure that the design and implementation of regulations, including their cost, is proportionate with the level of risk, and based on outcomes.

We are delighted that the Taskforce has included two specific recommendations based on those suggested by ESA during the evidence gathering stage for the report:

Reform landfill surrender requirements to accelerate diversification away from landfill: The report reflects ESA's views that the lack of regulatory certainty over landfill surrender requirements is tying up resources and inhibiting diversification away from landfill. The hazard-based approach contained in the provisions of the Landfill Directive is so restrictive that it is discouraging any meaningful progress towards surrender for non-hazardous sites.

Adopt a risk-based approach to waste regulation to drive greater re-use of waste products: The report advocates greater flexibility which continues to deliver on environmental and safety objectives but adopts a more risk-based approach to how the re-use of waste is regulated and managed to better help deliver a circular economy. Specifically the report has highlighted the need to accelerate existing work to better enable the reuse of incinerator bottom ash and waste wood.

ESA looks forward to working with Government and regulators to help turn these recommendations into reality."

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Notes to editors:

The **Environmental Services Association** (ESA) is the voice of the recycling and waste management sector in the UK. You can find out more about our work and our members in our Annual Report available from www.esauk.org

A summary of the Taskforce for Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform announcement:

Taskforce for Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform: boosting jobs and levelling up through better regulation to promote the growth sectors of the future

The Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform (TIGRR) has today (16th June) reported its recommendations to the Prime Minister on how the UK can reshape regulation and seize new opportunities from Brexit.

Earlier this year, the Prime Minister asked former ministers Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, Theresa Villiers MP, and George Freeman MP to identify how the UK can take advantage of its new-found regulatory freedoms and stimulate growth, innovation and competition across the economy and level up across the United Kingdom.

The report sets out over 100 recommendations, identifying specific high-growth opportunities reflecting on feedback from over 75 industry meetings and roundtables. It demonstrates how, with ambition and vision on the part of the Government, the UK can deliver on the promises of Brexit without abandoning our high standards - unlocking growth and investment in technology to help level up the country.

The report sets out a new framework for regulation based on a UK common law approach: replacing the slow, bureaucratic and EU process reliant on negotiations between 27 countries.

Free to set its own rules, the MPs propose that the UK adopt a bold new regulatory framework based on a new 'Proportionality Principle', agile, digital regulatory innovation, and new duties on regulators to consider the impact of their rules on UK competitiveness and productivity.

The two recommendations referred to above:

- Proposal 13.8 Reform landfill surrender requirements to accelerate diversification away from landfill. page99
- Proposal 13.9 Adopt a risk-based approach to waste regulation to drive greater re-use of waste products. Page 99

The full TIGRR report: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/taskforce-on-innovation-growth-and-regulatory-reform>

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