

PRESS STATEMENT

SESA calls for next Scottish Parliament to realise circular economy potential

EDINBURGH, 09 MARCH 2016:

The Scottish Environmental Services Association (SESA), the voice of Scotland's waste and resource management industry, has today published a manifesto in advance of the forthcoming Scottish Parliament elections, outlining a number of policy recommendations that must be considered if Scotland is to fully realise the benefits of the circular economy.

SESA's Policy Advisor, Stephen Freeland said:

“Scotland is arguably in a better place than others in its transition to a circular economy, with an Institute of Remanufacture already providing a hub for industry innovation and design; and the Scottish Government objectives set out in a recently published circular economy strategy.

The new Scottish Parliament must build on this momentum, and to inform discussion and debate SESA has set out in its manifesto, a number of recommendations for aligning Scotland's policy framework with the circular economy. A central theme to this is the need to improve the quality of recyclable material captured through collection systems and for SEPA to take a harder line on illegal waste activities.

We look forward to working with the Scottish Parliament in implementing these recommendations in its transition to a circular economy.”

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Notes to editors:

1. The manifesto can be downloaded from the website:
http://www.esauk.org/reports_press_releases/esa_reports/20160309_SESA_Manifesto_Making_a_success_of_the_circular_economy.pdf
2. The **Scottish Environmental Services Association** (SESA) is the voice of Scotland's waste and resource management sector. We work with our Members to transform waste and resource management across Scotland. This work helps enable our members to turn Scottish waste into valuable resources, whilst continually protecting the environment.
3. We work with all levels of government, regulators and the public to help deliver more sustainable waste and resource management solutions.
4. SESA'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 push household recycling rates to over 40%.
5. For further details please visit www.esauk.org

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