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ESA PRESS STATEMENT

Budget 2016: ESA pleased that Budget saves Landfill Communities Fund

LONDON, 16 March 2015: The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice for the UK's resource and waste management industry, today expressed its pleasure at the Chancellor of the Exchequers announcement that it has chosen to retain third party contribution options under the Landfill Communities Fund.

ESA's Executive Director, Jacob Hayler said:

“ESA is pleased that HM Treasury has listened to the industry and chosen to retain the option of using contributing third parties under the Landfill Communities Fund scheme.

Removal of this option would have stung landfill operators with a sudden and unforeseen £4 million burden, which would have left them with no option but to cease contributing to the fund. This would have been a crying shame for local community and biodiversity projects which rely on this source of funding in an otherwise challenging climate for fund raising, and also for the environmental bodies administering the scheme which would have been forced to wind down and lay off jobs.

Today's announcement that Entrust will instead publish guidance for landfill operators to increase their contributions to the fund is a preferable and more flexible alternative which means that communities will continue to benefit from this invaluable scheme going forward.”

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Notes to editors:

1. The **Environmental Services Association** (ESA) is the trade association for the UK's resource and waste management sector. We work with our members to transform waste and resource management across the country. This work helps enable our members to turn Britain's waste into valuable resources, whilst continually protecting the environment.
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 quadruple the UK's household recycling rates over the last 10 years.
4. **The sector at a glance**
 - Total turnover: **£11 billion**
 - Direct Employment: **95,000 people**
 - Municipal waste handled each year: **over 26 million tonnes**
 - Energy generated (from waste combustion and landfill gas) each year: **approximately 6,700 GWh**, 1.5% of the UK's total electricity supply and around 20% of our 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

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