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## **ESA PRESS STATEMENT**

# ***ESA comments on WRAP Framework for Greater Consistency***

**LONDON, 13 September 2016:** The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice for the UK's resource and waste management industry, today comments on the recently launched Framework for Greater Consistency in Household Recycling in England

ESA's Executive Director, Jacob Hayler, said:

***“Greater consistency in household collections clearly has the potential to boost recycling by making it easier for households and also to save councils money by facilitating more joint working.***

***ESA supports both of these outcomes and looks forward to engaging with WRAP and Defra as they build on this initial framework.”***

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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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