

10 things we have done for members in 2021



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We led the way with our first Net Zero Strategy

ESA developed, launched, and is now driving the Net Zero Strategy for the resources and waste sector - setting challenging but achievable ambitions for the industry to become net-zero by 2040.



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We influenced the Resources and Waste Strategy

ESA engaged, challenged and influenced the proposals arising from the Resources and Waste Strategy, getting our members' views heard at the highest levels of Government.



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We reviewed and published leading waste crime research

We published our latest research on the scale and size of waste crime to highlight the need for urgent action to be taken by the government and regulators.



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We have influenced regulatory changes during the Pandemic

ESA supported our members by seeking regulatory adjustments, guidance and clarification where necessary, ensuring that the tens of thousands of dedicated frontline staff delivering essential waste collection and reprocessing services across the UK could continue to work safely during the Covid pandemic.



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We have developed H&S guidance for the sector

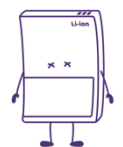
ESA working groups produced a suite of H&S guidance and resources on specific areas of risk. These are freely available to all from ESA's website.



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We highlighted the risk of battery fires across the sector and world

ESA developed a consumer-facing education campaign to encourage consumers to recycle batteries responsibly which raised the issue of battery fires across the sector and world.



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We worked with Members to develop material specifications

We worked with members to produce new industry quality standards for secondary materials – starting with fiber, (with plastics in development) building upon our published Standard for Responsible Export.



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SESA rebutted the inaccurate Zero Waste Scotland report

SESA successfully rebutted inaccuracies in the ZWS EfW report such that we got the report changed to reflect the association's recommendations.



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We published our influential planning report

ESA's report 'Planning for a Green Economic Recovery' sets out our expectations for how the planned reforms should facilitate the delivery of infrastructure right across the entire economic spectrum, not just support for the housing sector.



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The Association committed to tackle modern slavery

We made a joint commitment with the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) to tackle slavery, forced labour and human trafficking across the industry.

