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## Press release

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# ESA publishes Annual Report for 2020/2021

The Environmental Services Association (ESA), has today (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November) published its Annual Report, detailing the association's key activities over the past year.

The report provides a review of progress against the organisation's three strategic priorities – decarbonising the sector, improving operational standards and raising performance, particularly for recycling and delivery of circular economy solutions.

The report also reflects on some of the association's key achievements over the past year, which include:

- Publishing a sectoral Net-Zero carbon strategy prior to COP26
- Delivering a new research report quantifying the cost of waste crime across society
- Implementing a comprehensive new health and safety work programme
- Continued contribution to the development of Defra's Resource & Waste Strategy
- Launching a new national consumer awareness campaign to tackle battery-related fires

The report is published ahead of the *ESA Annual Lunch*, which will take place at the Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London from midday on Friday 26 November.

**ESA Executive Director, Jacob Hayler, said:** *"It has been a busy period for the ESA and its members amid continued challenges presented by both COVID and the post-Brexit labour market, but the Annual Report provides an opportunity to reflect on some of our key achievements as an association over the past year, of which we can be very proud.*

*We expect our work programme and progress against our strategic priorities to continue apace in 2022 when we will see Defra's response to its RWS consultations, clarifying some of the detail and hopefully addressing some of the challenges and questions raised by the ESA and the wider industry this year. We also look forward to seeing more much-needed action on waste crime, with the introduction of waste-tracking as well as reform of the Carriers, Brokers and Dealers regime.*

*Of course, with COP26 behind us, and at least a degree of recognition among world leaders of the important role that resource-efficiency and a more circular economy will play in hitting global net-zero targets, our momentum to decarbonise our own sector's activities must also be maintained in 2022 and remains our number one priority."*

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## Notes to editors

The ESA Annual Report is available to download at [www.esauk.org](http://www.esauk.org) or can be accessed via the QR code below



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