

# Working for Members in 2018

- 1. We have launched the UK Resources Council**  
ESA co-ordinated the launch of the UK Resources Council. The Council will work with Government to deliver the transition to a resource efficient UK economy.
- 2. We have successfully lobbied for a plastics tax to stimulate recycled content**  
ESA actively engaged with the UK Government on the need for strong end markets for recycled materials and lobbied HM Treasury to introduce a plastics tax.
- 3. We published a report showing how EfW benefits the environment and the economy**  
'Energy for the Circular Economy' provided an overview of the role of EfW in sustainable waste management, and demonstrated how simple policy interventions could boost resource productivity and divert up to 60m tonnes of waste from landfill over the next 10 years.
- 4. We continued the fight against waste crime**  
ESA helped the Government develop proposals to reform the Carriers, Brokers, Dealers regime to make it harder for criminals to enter and operate in our sector. We also raised awareness of 'Duty Care' through the 'Right Waste, Right Place' campaign.
- 5. We developed proposals for smarter regulation of closed landfills**  
ESA worked with its Members to develop proposals to positively influence the Environment Agency's regulation of closed landfills and its associated charging regime.
- 6. We developed recommendations on how to better measure the recycling rate**  
'Smarter Measures for the Circular Economy' offered a clear and pragmatic roadmap for introducing new metrics for measuring recycling alongside our current weight based system.
- 7. We produced a report looking into H&S performance across the industry**  
Our report 'Spotlight on health and safety' offered recommendations to disseminate health and safety best practice across the industry.
- 8. We negotiated a good WI BREF outcome**  
We worked constructively with UK regulators to achieve an ambitious and pragmatic Waste Incineration BREF revision that will raise standards across the industry.
- 9. We promoted competition in collection services**  
We called on local authorities to use competition to drive value for money for waste collections and worked with Local Authority bodies to promote outsourced collections.
- 10. We raised the industry's profile with politicians**  
We hosted a Conservative Party fringe event with Defra Minister Thérèse Coffey exploring the current debate on plastic waste.