

10 THINGS ESA HAS DONE FOR OUR MEMBERS IN 2023

1. We pressed the case for faster progress to tackle waste crime with the incoming Chief Executive of the Environment Agency

ESA highlighted the issues that are undermining effective enforcement against waste crime and set out the industry's recommendations for addressing these challenges which remain a £1billion cost to the UK economy.



2. We became the leading voice on the application of the Emissions Trading Scheme to Energy from Waste with Government and across the sector

ESA developed our ETS Strategy Document and has collaborated closely with DESNZ, Defra and HMT officials to set out how the ETS can be sustainably applied to increase recycling and reduce emissions.



3. We produced a suite of resources and events to raise the H&S profile across the sector

Hosted a H&S conference to highlight the role of new technology in improving the sector's H&S performance. We also published a suite of H&S guidance on its website which, freely available to all, aims to share best practice and raise industry standards.



4. We worked closely with Government to develop policy detail around the Resources and Waste Strategy

As part of the transition to the delivery phase of the Collection and Packaging reforms, ESA has pushed Defra to provide clarity on key remaining areas of policy uncertainty, such as the MF Regs.



5. We petitioned Government to implement an escalator on the Plastics Packaging Tax (PPT)

ESA led the sector's engagement with HMT officials to make the case for a PPT escalator, with Government publishing an evaluation plan to consider the future trajectory of the rate and recycled content threshold.



6. We helped find sensible solutions to the management of a growing number of challenging waste streams

ESA worked collaboratively with regulators to encourage a risk based proportionate approach to the management of several difficult waste streams including POPs waste and nitrous oxide canisters.



7. We reached millions of people with our fire prevention campaigns urging consumers to recycle batteries and WEEE responsibly

In addition to a new summer fire communications campaign, ESA launched a third round of its successful *Take Charge* campaign for use over Halloween, warning consumers of the dangers of *zombie batteries* with the aim of reducing battery-related waste fires.



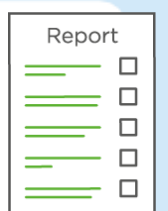
8. We developed proposals for an End of Waste standard for paper

ESA has worked jointly with the Recycling Association and the EA to develop agreed "end of waste" criteria for paper and fibre. Our aim is to increase the quality and quantity of paper and fibre recovered.



9. We reiterated the importance of long-term policy clarity to unlock the Net Zero potential of our sector.

ESA released our "net zero policy tracker" document at an event in the House of Lords which drew attention to the key policies needed to enable the sector to invest in the net zero transition.



10. We raised political awareness in Scotland of the sector's decarbonisation efforts

SESA held an event in the Scottish Parliament to publicise the findings of a SESA report which quantified the sector's GHG emissions in Scotland.

