

ADEPT WASTE GROUP – 20 MARCH 2019

The waste group met on 20 March with the main agenda item being discussions on the Government's current consultations relating to implementation of the Resources and Waste strategy. The purpose of the discussions were to help inform the ADEPT response to the consultation by identifying potential positions on key issues. Leads were identified for each of the consultations, with an expectation that draft responses will be referred to Environment Board for final approval, although timings may require this to be a virtual/electronic process.

It was noted that any ADEPT response to the consultations should try to offer constructive advice based on evidence, whether in support or in objection to any of the proposals. Importantly, the ADEPT response should reflect the adopted position statement on waste and provide a strategic, place-based perspective.

Other issues discussed included the potential implications of a no-deal Brexit on waste with references to recent communication from DEFRA (slides previously circulated), and meetings with the EA. Advice is to review waste storage capacity and ensure supply chains relying on export have appropriate permits in place to continue to export.