

WASTE GROUP

Terms of reference

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Background

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT) represents Place Directors from county, unitary and metropolitan authorities, along with Local Enterprise Partnerships and corporate partners drawn from key service sectors. ADEPT members are at the very heart of maximising sustainable growth in communities throughout the UK. We are delivering the projects that are key to unlocking broader economic success and creating more resilient communities, economies and infrastructure.

Waste Group

Vision

ADEPT's vision for waste management is to conserve natural resources and realise the value of waste through the operation of a circular economy.

Remit

The ADEPT Waste Group will be central to the development of policy and regulation for waste management, and will advise and work with Government, industry and regulators towards achievement of its vision and objectives. The Group wishes to use the broad and strategic nature of its expertise to consolidate and further develop its position as the primary voice for local authority waste service delivery. It reports into the ADEPT Environment Board.

The objectives of the Waste Group are to:

- represent the interests of ADEPT members and work with Government, industry and other organisations to address and overcome challenges to achieving its vision, and in developing and implementing national policy and regulation in relation to resource and waste management
- encourage its members to work collaboratively and in partnership to maximise benefits of scale and improve efficiencies
- research, promote and share good practice with ADEPT members and other organisations, promoting innovative change and transformation by communicating effectively and harnessing expertise
- lead and work with networks and other stakeholders in developing common ambitions, plans and messages
- develop and deliver an action plan to achieve its objectives
- actively engage with Government and stakeholders to develop and share intelligence within its members, and to maintain effective relationships
- when appropriate assess and advise on national waste infrastructure needs (e.g. waste treatment capacity) having regard to location and policy and regulatory constraints and aspirations.

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Membership

The group's membership is voluntary and is drawn from heads of service, assistant directors and directors at member local authorities.

The following observers are regular attendees :

- Local Government Association (LGA)
- Environment Agency (EA)
- Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)

Key personnel are:

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Meetings and other activities

The group formally meets 4 times a year. This is a mix of physical and virtual meetings; physical meetings are held in London. The group also meets on an ad-hoc basis to respond to particular situations e.g. government consultations.

The meetings cover;

- Stakeholder updates including from ADEPT Environment Board, EA, LGA, DEFRA, Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) and CIWM.
- Discussion of current issues and opportunities to engage and influence.
- Guest speakers as appropriate on current 'hot' topics and sharing of knowledge, expertise and experiences.

Useful links

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