

Working for Members in 2017

- 1. We reinvigorated the fight against waste crime**
ESA published the 'Rethinking Waste Crime' report which showed that despite additional funding for regulators and stronger enforcement powers, waste crime was more entrenched than ever. The report put forward a package of ambitious recommendations to target the problem.
- 2. We commissioned definitive research on treatment capacity**
ESA commissioned a review of all reports into the residual waste treatment infrastructure which identified a critical capacity gap. This analysis will help feed into assessments of waste infrastructure by both Defra and the National Infrastructure Commission.
- 3. We agreed an Accord with the Environment Agency to encourage greater collaboration between our two organisations**
High level talks between ESA and the Environment Agency reached agreement to pursue a collaborative approach to improve regulation as well the environmental performance of the sector.
- 4. We maintained the momentum around improvements to producer responsibility**
ESA helped maintain momentum on improvements to extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes, in particular for packaging. Both the proposed National Infrastructure Assessment and the Clean Growth Strategy included references to EPR and producers are increasingly open to reform of the PRN system.
- 5. We provided an evidence-based response to the Waste Incineration BREF**
ESA worked constructively with UK regulators and FEAD to provide an evidence-based response to the first draft of the Waste Incineration BREF. We commissioned the development of an analysis tool and work to assess the impact of the proposed emission limits which strengthened our submission.
- 6. We continued to prioritise the importance of Health and Safety**
ESA published a H&S briefing and report which offered in-depth analysis of available injury data and explored some of the underlying trends. The report offered recommendations for how best practice can be replicated across the sector so that standards can be raised for all.
- 7. We raised the profile of the contribution the sector can make to the Government's Industrial Strategy**
ESA raised the sector's profile in the Industrial Strategy and developed terms for a Sector Deal, which would promote investment. We are working closely with the National Infrastructure Commission to ensure waste infrastructure is high on the agenda.
- 8. We continued the campaign to raise awareness of Duty of Care**
'right Waste, right Place' launched sector-specific (construction and agriculture) campaigns and expanded into Wales, launching a Welsh language version of the website and guidance. The campaign reached out to over half a million businesses and their customers via an 'Ambassador programme', as well as generating media exposure of the campaign to over 10 million people.
- 9. We improved guidance on waste classification**
ESA published and disseminated user-friendly guidance on how to avoid common mistakes in waste classification, particularly of hazardous waste.
- 10. We raised the profile of the impact of a reduction of Embedded Benefits**
ESA campaigned against Ofgem's proposals to reduce payments known as 'embedded benefits' received by decentralised energy generators. Following calls from ESA and others, Ofgem launched a Significant Code Review of the charging regime for the UK's electricity transmission network to help avoid unintended negative consequences.