



## **Household recycling Code of Practice stakeholder survey** November 2025

### **Introduction to Scottish Environment LINK**

Scottish Environment LINK is the forum for Scotland's voluntary environment community, with over 40 member bodies representing a broad spectrum of environmental interests with the common goal of contributing to a more environmentally sustainable society.

Its member bodies represent a wide community of environmental interest, sharing the common goal of contributing to a more sustainable society. LINK provides a forum for these organisations, enabling informed debate, assisting co-operation within the voluntary sector, and acting as a strong voice for the environment. Acting at local, national and international levels, LINK aims to ensure that the environmental community participates in the development of policy and legislation affecting Scotland.

LINK works mainly through groups of members working together on topics of mutual interest, exploring the issues and developing advocacy to promote sustainable development, respecting environmental limits. This consultation response was written by LINK's Sustainable Economy Group.

#### **Response**

#### **4. How supportive are you of each goal within this Vision for the co-design of a new Code of Practice for household recycling and reuse standards in Scotland?**

Maximise value of materials and economic opportunities for local authorities – Very supportive

Drive performance nationally and locally against climate and waste targets – Very supportive

Promote more consistent, high quality, deliverable and affordable services that take account of local circumstances and economics – Very supportive

Address specific challenges (e.g. rurality, communal properties) – Very supportive

Make the right choices easier for householders and easier to communicate for local government – Very supportive

#### **5. Please rank the goals of the Vision in order of how important you feel they are — where 1 is most important and 5 is least important.**

1. Drive performance nationally and locally against climate and waste targets
2. Make the right choices easier for householders and easier to communicate for local government
3. Maximise value of materials and economic opportunities for local authorities
4. Promote more consistent, high quality, deliverable and affordable services that take account of local circumstances and economics
5. Address specific challenges (e.g. rurality, communal properties)



**6. Are there any additional goals that you believe are of equal or greater importance to those listed in the previous question? If so, please list them in the text box below.**

The goals should include the need to move up the waste hierarchy as much as possible (this would align with the requirements of the CE Act). It is not enough to mention reuse, it must prioritise reuse over recycling (and disposal).

**7. What is the most significant issues or challenges you foresee in achieving this Vision? You may also select 'Other' and specify additional challenges if needed.**

Other: Creating a plan which reduces environmental impact

**8. There is a choice between universality of service provision (which offers a fair, consistent and efficient long-term service across the country and is easier to communicate) and bespoke arrangements (which may, in the shorter term, offer more flexibility and cost-effectiveness in some localities).**

**Where do you believe the balance should lie in the new Code of Practice?**

Mostly universal

**9. Are there any services that you think are most important to be universal — that is, provided consistently to all residents across Scotland? Select all that apply.**

None

**10. In the workshops, which waste stream needs the most discussion?**

Plastic film

**11. Which of the following issues do you think it's most important that the co-design process addresses?**

Other: Overprovision of incineration

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