



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10 May 2022

Report of: Councillor Mark Whittington

Cabinet Member for Waste and Climate Change



Environment Act 2021 - Update

This report supports a Power Point presentation outlining the waste management elements of the Environment Act 2021 and associated consultations from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

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Corporate Priority:	Decision type:	Wards:
A Clean and Sustainable Environment	Regulatory	All Wards

Reviewed by:	Ayeisha Kirkham, Public Protection Manager	28 April 2022
Approved by:	Alan Robinson, Deputy Chief Executive	29 April 2022
Signed off by:	Councillor Mark Whittington, Cabinet Member for Waste and Climate Change	28 April 2022

Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. Notes the presentation relating to the waste management elements of the Environment Act 2021
2. Agrees to receive a further update after the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has published responses to its 'Consistency in Household and Business Recycling' and 'Deposit Return Scheme' consultations.

1 The Background to the Report

1.1 The Environment Act 2021 received royal assent in November 2021. During May and June 2021, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) commenced three public consultations intended to support the implementation of the legislation;

- Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England
- Introducing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

1.2 DEFRA are analysing the responses which are expected in early 2022. To date, a response has been received in respect of the EPR consultation only.

1.3 The presentation at Appendix 1 provides a summary of the proposals contained in the consultations.

2 Consultation and Feedback Received, Including Overview and Scrutiny

2.1 The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a presentation on the content of the consultations at their meeting of 8 June 2021.

3 Available Options Considered

3.1 This report and presentation are for information only.

4 Preferred Option

4.1 This report and presentation are for information only.

5 Reasons for the Recommendation (s)

5.1 To provide the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the DEFRA consultations relating to waste management.

6 Next Steps – Communication and Implementation of the Decision

6.1 It is intended that a further report will be presented to the Committee following the publication of the consultation responses by DEFRA.

7 Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report. The financial implications of the consultation responses will be considered further when the results are published.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Alison Hall-Wright, Assistant Director of Finance

8 Legal and Governance Implications

8.1 The Environment Act 2021 places requirements on local authorities in respect of the separate collection of waste.

8.2 The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) consulted on the implementation requirements in summer 2021 but have not yet provided a response.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Alan Robinson Monitoring Officer

9 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

9.1 No equality and safeguarding implications have been identified.

10 Risk and Mitigation

10.1 This report is for information only. No significant risks have been identified as a result of this report.

11 Community Safety Implications

11.1 No community safety implications have been identified.

12 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

12.1 This report is for information only. Future reports following the publication of the consultation responses by DEFRA will consider the impacts.

13 Other Implications (where significant)

13.1 No other significant implications have been identified.

14 Background Papers

14.1 [Presentation to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 8 June 2021](#)

15 Appendices

15.1 Appendix 1 – Power Point presentation “The Environment Act 2021 – Update”