

APSE Fleet Waste and Grounds Seminar Session 5

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The National Litter Strategy and the road ahead

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OUR PURPOSE

To focus on creating a more successful country with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish through increased wellbeing, and sustainable and inclusive economic growth

OUR VALUES

We are a society which treats all our people with kindness, dignity and compassion, respects the rule of law, and acts in an open and transparent way



We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy



We are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally



We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally



We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe



We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential



We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society



We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone



We are healthy and active



We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment



We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely



We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination

We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment

Scotland's National Performance Framework
National Outcome – Environment (2018)

The National Outcome is echoed in the National Litter Strategy:

- **Towards a Litter-free Scotland** set out a strategic approach to creating higher quality local environments for everyone. It marked the start of a journey with social, economic and environmental benefits for us all. **And it's everyone's responsibility to do the right thing.**
- **A litter-free Scotland matters to us as a society and as individuals.** The way we feel about where we live, work and spend our leisure time has a huge impact on our health and wellbeing.



Where are we now?

2019 is the last year covered by the 5 year national litter strategy launched in 2014 – where do we go from here?

The Marine Litter Strategy was published in 2014 and is also being revisited

Ideal opportunity to take stock and reflect, and look ahead to upcoming opportunities and challenges.



Where are we now? - CoPLAR zoning

- o CoPLAR 2018 states that the zoning of relevant land requires to be completed 12 months from its adoption (June 2019). It is recommended that zoning is done using GIS as this provides:
 - o Evidence of compliance with CoPLAR 2018 and the duties under the EPA 1990;
 - o A comprehensive digitised data set for each local authority that will assist in understanding trends and better plan for litter prevention activity;



Where are we now? - Litter Monitoring System

- The new monitoring system will consist of:
 - A revised methodology which captures information on the composition of litter and can be applied across hard and soft-standing areas;
 - A mobile application for effective, efficient and secure data capture in the field;
 - A website which allows display, interrogation and export of datasets; and
 - Briefing sessions and guidance documents for relevant staff.
- During 2019/20 a transition to the new system will occur with a view to the method being used to inform the performance indicator from 2020/21.



Reality of change

- The National Litter Strategy and CoPLAR have moved the focus on prevention
- We recognise that the transition from a focus on cleansing to prevention is challenging.
- Roadside litter in particular is perceived to be increasing and causing concern
- Public are increasingly concerned about plastic pollution and litter



Roadside litter and responsibilities

- APSE has raised the issue around trunk road responsibilities with Scottish Ministers.
- Scottish Government recognises the challenges but no evidence that the transfer of duties for all trunk roads to Transport Scotland is the solution.
- Transport Scotland and its operating companies are willing to work collaboratively to test ways of working that could demonstrate a way forward.



Roadside litter roundtable – February 2019

- Scottish Government hosted a roundtable on roadside litter in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland and Keep Scotland Beautiful.
- Key messages & points of broad consensus from that were:
 - There is a clear need for a fundamental shift in culture and behaviour change to tackle roadside litter.
 - Part of this change will need to focus on shifting the public perception of ownership of the problem back to consumers, as they are the ones who litter.
 - Fostering networks and working in partnership is the only way to achieve results.



Wider policy developments

1. Deposit Return Scheme
2. UK-wide consultation on reform of packaging producer responsibility
3. Expert Panel on Environmental Charges and Other Measures



Littering from vehicles legislation

- Cabinet Secretary announced plans to introduce a new offence of littering from vehicles in April 2019
- This will see the registered keeper have ultimate liability for litter thrown from that vehicle.
- Part of a future Circular Economy Bill.
- Details of how this will work still to be finalised



Opportunities

- Deposit Return Scheme, extended producer responsibility, littering from vehicles offence.
- Monitoring – the new system will be valuable in measuring the details of litter and what it's composition and embraces digital first approach.
- Better monitoring will help determine what's causing the most problems & where – using the new system to record littering and flytipping helps to create a national overview, identify hotspots and allows for innovative approaches to be tested in the most challenging areas.



Opportunities

- Focus on how we can work collaboratively to ensure high-quality environmental outcomes in Scotland.
- Engage with peer support networks – like the Litter Managers Network.
- Utilising the swell of public support
- Make use of promotional material available and supportive networks – Zero Waste Scotland, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Marine Conservation Society.



Litter Managers Network

Trunk Road Litter Operational Workshop

14.40 – 16.30

- Session this afternoon will create an opportunity for us to hear from you
- What are the opportunities and challenges
- What opportunities are there for collaboration and try innovative ways of working and tests of change



Closing Remarks

Thank you

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