



APSE Waste & Recycling Seminar

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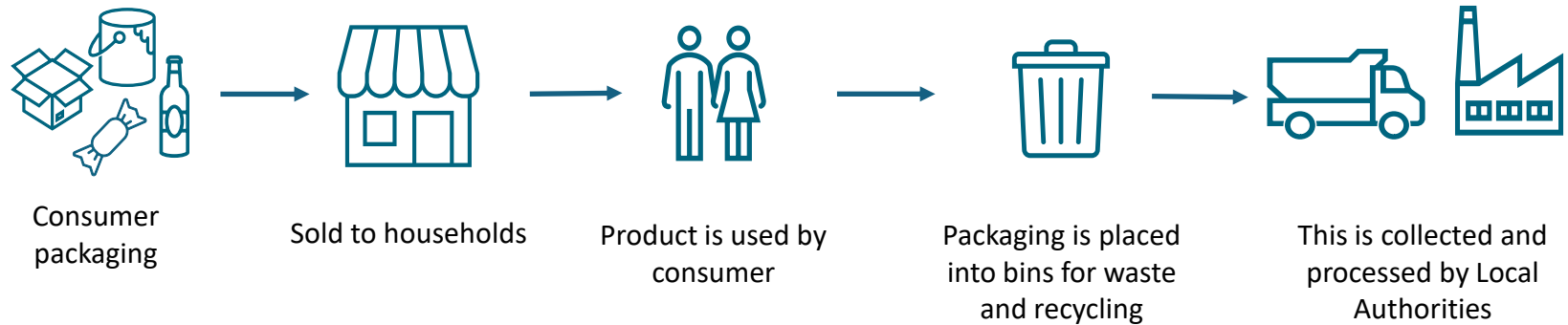


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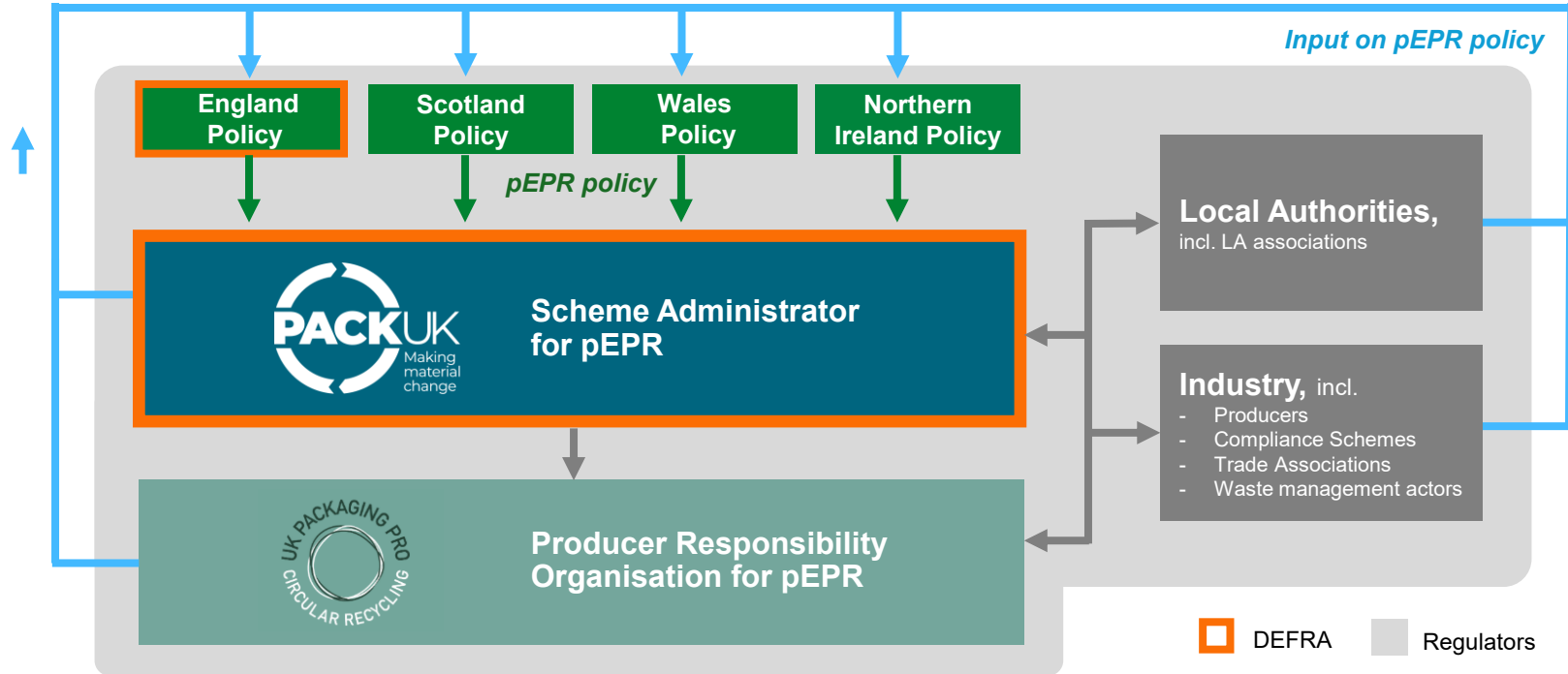


Who are PackUK:
Scheme Administrator for packaging
Extended Producer Responsibility
(pEPR) on behalf of the 4 UK nations,
hosted by DEFRA

What is packaging Extended Producer Responsibility?

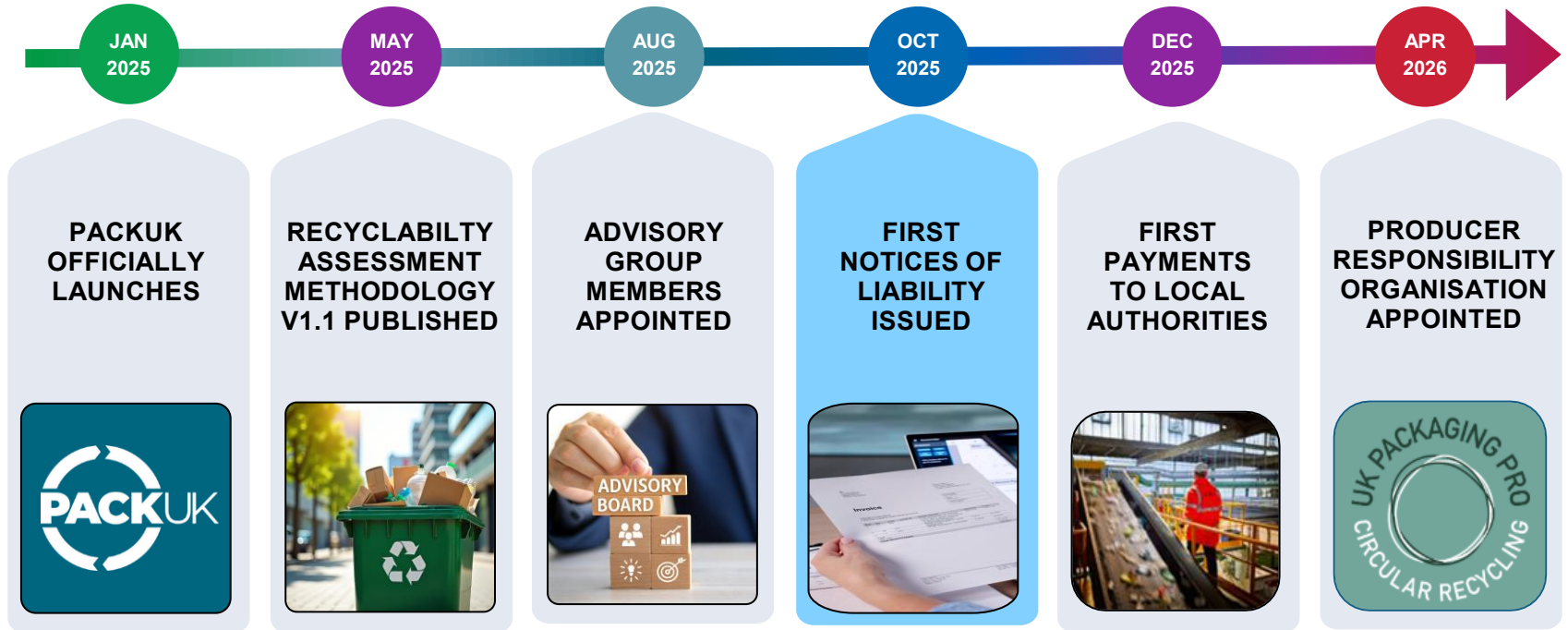


Stakeholder landscape for packaging EPR



Celebrating PackUK's journey

From launch to today



Year 1 of pEPR in numbers



£1.4bn

Total funding to be collected from packaging producers



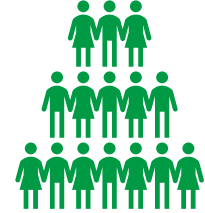
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Producers incentivised to transition to more circular packaging



388

Local Authorities received funding for better collection and recycling services



65

PackUK headcount, across all Four Nations!

For the first time, producers have submitted data under the Recyclability Assessment Methodology (RAM)

Different kinds of packaging receive different ratings.



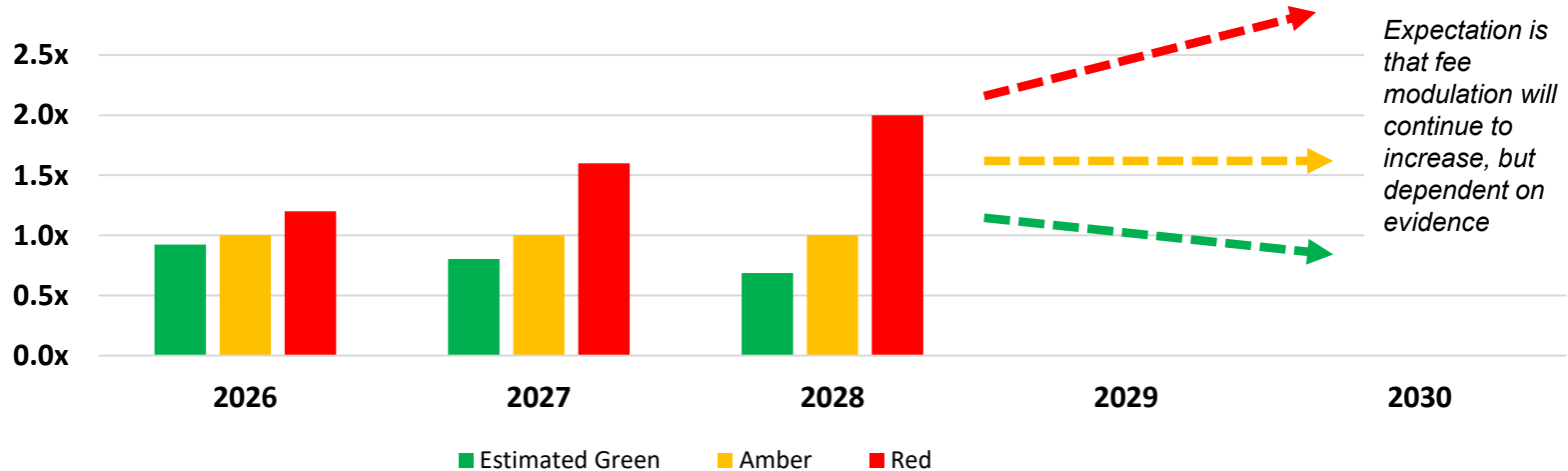
RED: packaging has specifications that make it difficult to recycle at scale

AMBER: packaging may experience challenges during collection, sortation or reprocessing

GREEN: packaging is widely recyclable in the current UK infrastructure

Charges will be modulated over time to incentivise the use of more recyclable materials

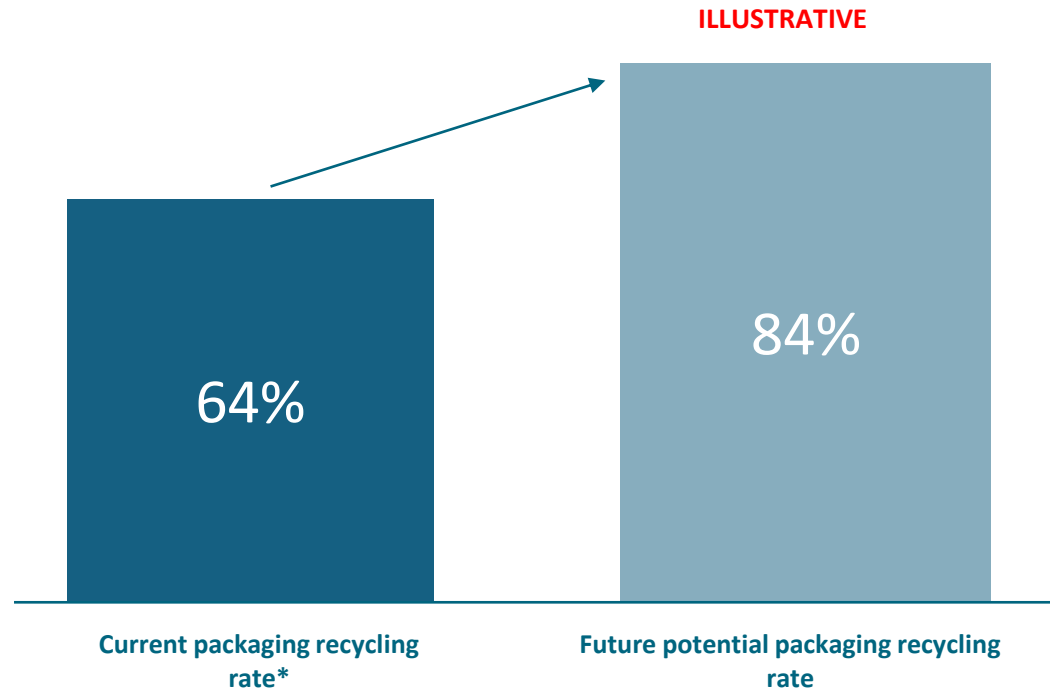
Expected modulation factors in Year 3 and beyond *Multiple of base fee*



What is the size of the opportunity?

To simplify, let's assume 20% of packaging entering local authorities waste management is not recyclable (i.e., rated Red)

If this packaging were to be removed from the market...



* [Household Packaging waste: 2024 UK statistics on waste - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/household-packaging-waste-2024-uk-statistics-on-waste)

How Local Authority payments are calculated



Calculate the net efficient disposal & collection costs of managing household packaging waste



Base calculations on LAs running an efficient service, accounting for cost drivers (e.g., rurality)



Assess the weight for each packaging category that each authority is likely to manage

All payment calculations are reviewed by the Government Actuary's Department

Scan QR code for detailed model information on gov.uk



How local authorities should use pEPR funds

- pEPR funding is **additional funding** for Years 1 and 2, across all 4 nations
- pEPR funding **must** be spent on **household packaging waste management** and **recycling in-line** with the published guidance

Collection Examples	Handling Examples	Other
Kerbside collection	Household Recycling Centres	Administration costs
Communal collections Bring sites	Handling, sorting and treatment of household packaging waste	Communication costs

Please note the table contents above are not exhaustive

Efficient & Effective (E&E) - Definitions

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024 defines efficient and states a local authority must provide an effective service.

Efficient

An authority provides an efficient waste management service if the costs of this service are as low as reasonably possible, considering:

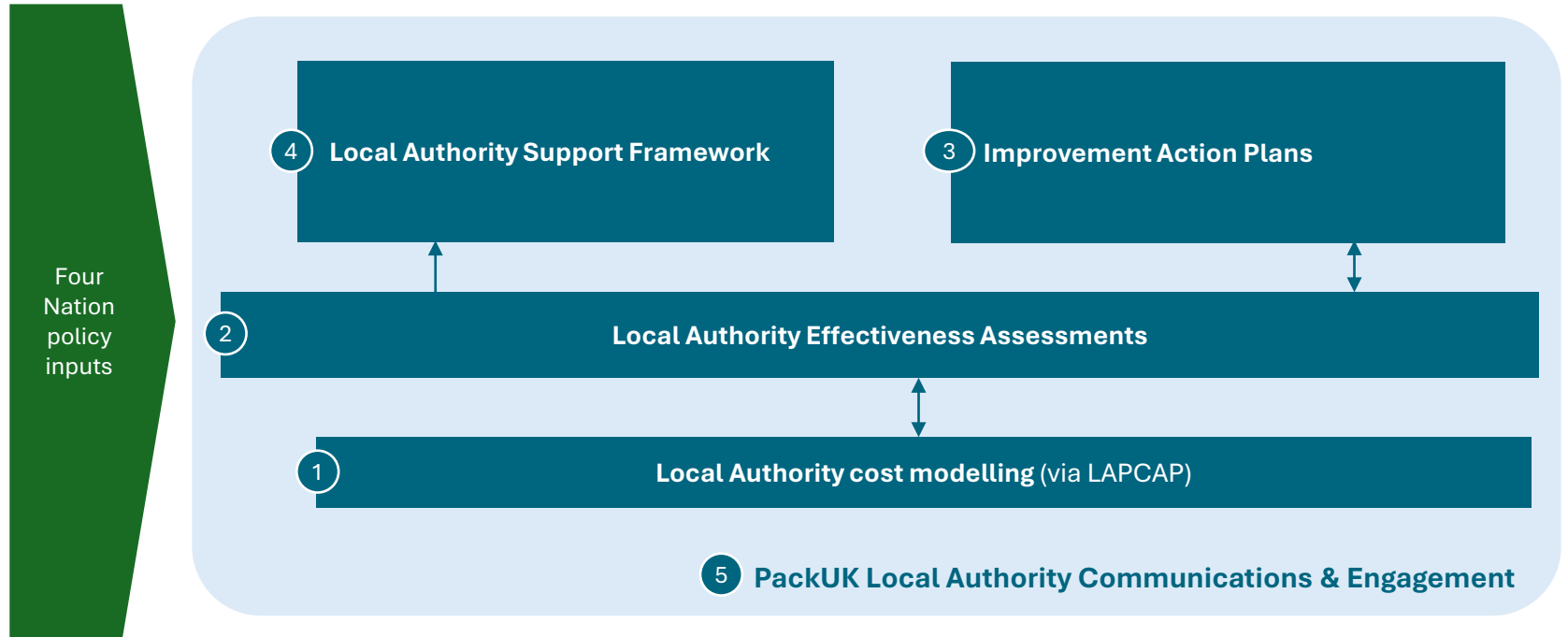
- The waste management service provided by the authority; and
- Any other factor specific to that authority, or to the area to which it exercises its waste management functions, which in the opinion of the scheme administrator are likely to affect its disposal costs

Effective

- A service is effective if it recycles a reasonable proportion of packaging waste (both in each particular packaging stream and overall), taking into account factors outside the authority's control such as the demographic and geographical characteristics of the authority area.

Scope of LA performance work across PackUK

■ Four Nation Policy Lead ■ PackUK Lead



Objectives of LA performance workstreams - proposed

- 1 **Local Authority Cost Modelling:** Determine local authority payments to deliver services
- 2 **Local Authority Effectiveness Assessments:** Develop clear methodology to accurately benchmark and assess local authority performance.
- 3 **Improvement Action Process (IAP):** Support lowest performing local authorities to improve performance, and meet legislative duty
- 4 **Local Authority Support Framework:** Support local authorities to improve performance, including guidance and shared knowledge base on good practice
- 5 **PackUK Local Authority Communications & Engagement:** Raise awareness of E&E, encourage LA behaviour change and improve producer confidence

Next steps – E&E Framework

- Reviewing outcomes and lessons learnt from IAP pilots – considering next steps
- Developing an effectiveness and efficiency support package for LAs could include (wider than just the IAP process).
- Continue to develop data and metrics for assessment of effectiveness
- Continue to work with the E & E Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to guide developing approach to E & E
- We will engage LAs as this work develops in the coming months.

The Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO)

- PackUK and the 4 nations have appointed an industry-led PRO, *UK Packaging PRO*
- Formally appointed 1 April
- Phased **delegation of responsibilities** – PackUK will retain sovereign functions



The real-life benefits of pEPR



- **Hampshire CC, Portsmouth CC and Southampton CC** have approved joint **£50.5m** investment into improving improve recycling services across the area
- A new MRF in Eastleigh, upgrade the existing Portsmouth MRF, and update the network of waste transfer stations so they can handle a wider range of recyclable materials
- They will also be undertaking communications work across the area to support behaviour change among residents

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- **Aberdeenshire Council** have purchased new RCVs and a three-compartment glass collection vehicle.
- Rebranding/upgrading glass recycling points to make it easier for households to use the glass recycling facilities and reduce contamination.
- Vehicle livery promoting recycling of packaging, encouraging householders to reduce more and reduce contamination.



THANK YOU!