

LAPN Plenary Meeting

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Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC)

- “waste prevention should be **the first priority** of waste management”
- “The following waste hierarchy shall apply as a priority order in waste prevention and management legislation and policy:
 - (a) prevention;
 - (b) preparing for re-use;
 - (c) recycling;
 - (d) other recovery, e.g. energy recovery; and
 - (e) disposal.”

Legislative & policy provisions

- The transposition Regulations (SI 126 of 2011) make the EPA the competent authority to establish waste prevention programmes (must be in place by 12th December 2013)
- Also make it a legal requirement for local authorities to provide for waste prevention measures in their Regional Waste Management Plans.

Supporting policy measures

- DECLG 2012: A Resource Opportunity—

*'all local authorities, whether acting alone or in groupings, **will be expected to participate** in the local authority waste prevention demonstration programme, which provides the skills to develop waste prevention within local communities.'*

- DECLG & CCMA 2012: Supporting Economic Recovery and Jobs – Locally—

Contains a number of references to the work that local authorities are doing through LAPN and NWPP, and to the role of promoting waste prevention and resource efficiency in supporting local enterprise.



Supporting policy measures (cont.)

- DJEI 2012: Delivering our Green Potential—
Contains references LAPN and NWPP, and it is the stated intention of DJEI that the LAPN work closely with newly integrated business support services
- In addition, members of the LAPN are well placed to deliver on the behavioural change and waste prevention ambitions of the *Framework for Sustainable Development, Our Sustainable Future*.



Aims of programme

- Development of resource efficiency & waste prevention expertise in local authorities
- Core of staff with prevention expertise within the LAs
- Continued promotion of waste prevention locally
- Fostering formal & informal collaboration between local authorities
- Successful demonstration of savings opportunities, techniques & best practice

Why local authorities?



- LAs have extensive experience in successfully promoting recycling locally
- Using this experience, LAs can work to encourage organisations up waste management hierarchy to waste prevention and reduce resource use
- Prevention needs to be embedded in the community, and local authorities are ideally placed to promote this
- LAs are easily and locally accessible, they know local conditions and issues very well



Challenges

Increasing LA participation:

- Open to all local authorities
- Some more engaged than others
- Participation map

Reducing funding levels

- Integrating waste prevention into day-to-day work, i.e. making it part of core activities
 - Tidy Towns Waste minimisation category
 - Green Festivals & Events
 - Link with Business support

Challenges

Measuring success:

- Soft indicators:
 - No. of participants, people attending events, leaflets distributed, pyramid of engagement, etc.
- But what about measuring waste prevention / resources saved?
 - e.g. tonnes waste diverted
 - Water saved
 - Energy saved
 - Financial savings
- Targets?
- Indicators

**Working
group**

Pyramid of Engagement

