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Sector Update		RL 13/12/18 - 04
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Summary

This paper presents a sector update on wider influences to programme activities.

Recommendation

- To note the updates.

Risk Management

Risk	Action to mitigate risk
N/A No decisions being made	

Implications

Legal

N/A No decisions being made

Financial

N/A No decisions being made

Equalities

N/A No decisions being made

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Supporting Report

Purpose of the paper

This paper presents a general update on major sector activities that have a wider bearing on the Resource London programme.

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Mayor's Environment Strategy

The London Environment Strategy was published on 31 May 2018. Waste and recycling is dealt with in chapter 7.

www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/london-environment-strategy

Resources and Waste strategy

On 11 January the Government published their 25 Year Environment Plan (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/25-year-environment-plan>), in

which they commit to develop a new national Resources and Waste Strategy. Since then Defra have been consulting widely with stakeholders. Resource London officers have been engaged with Defra at a London and national level. Officers understand from Defra colleagues that the draft strategy was submitted for ministerial approval in late July. Resource London have been made aware that the Strategy should be published before Christmas, but that the accompanying consultations (detailed below) will be delayed until early 2019.

Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return Schemes and Packaging regulations reform recommendations

In tandem with the development of the Resource and Waste Strategy, Defra has also been consulting with stakeholders on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) and Packaging regulations reform, as well as continuing the conversation on national consistency. Resource London officers have been engaged with Defra, both in national stakeholder workshops and also as part of select working groups with other key local government stakeholders.

Defra have confirmed that shortly after the publication of the Resource and Waste Strategy they will be issuing three national consultations on: EPR, DRS and Consistency. These consultations will now be published in the New Year.

China's restrictions on importing materials

We are now almost one year on from China restricting the imports of certain materials including mixed paper and mixed plastics. Resource London joint with LEDNet are surveying the London authorities to find out how this has impacted London. The results will be summarised and shared with all the London authorities by the end of the year.