

## Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar

### Moving towards a circular economy in Wales - the Government's strategy, engagement with industry and communities, and next steps for meeting zero waste targets

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Brian Mayne**, Chair, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Cymru Wales
- 9.05 **Developing the Circular Economy Strategy and its role in a green recovery response to COVID-19**  
**David Warren**, Head of Circular Economy Development, Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Division, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The impact of COVID-19 on waste and recycling - new trends and behaviours, what it means for the strategy, and ways of contributing to sustainable recovery**  
**Professor Sandra Esteves**, Professor in Bioprocess Technology for Resource Recovery, Energy and Materials, Sustainable Environment Research Centre and Director, Wales Centre of Excellence for Anaerobic Digestion, University of South Wales  
**Brian Mayne**, Chair, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Cymru Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Priorities for achieving a circular economy in Wales - innovative research, collaboration, standards and governance**  
**Dr Gavin Bunting**, Chair, Circular Economy Research Group for Wales and Associate Professor, College of Engineering, Swansea University
- 10.10 **Key issues for the strategy and next steps for meeting the 2050 zero waste target - efficient recycling, new business models and incentivising manufacturers, extended producer responsibility, and community action**  
**Iain Cox**, Director, Ecostudio  
**Chris Sherrington**, Head of Environmental Policy and Economics, Eunomia  
**Paul Van Danzig**, Policy Director, Wastepack Group  
**Jane Cherrington**, Project Manager, All Wales Recycling Infrastructure Procurement, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Gavin Bunting**, Chair, Circular Economy Research Group for Wales and Associate Professor, College of Engineering, Swansea University
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Brian Mayne**, Chair, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Cymru Wales
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Councillor Catrin Elen Wager**, Cabinet Member for Highways and Municipal, Gwynedd Council
- 11.15 **Phasing out single use plastics - supporting industry, and developing deposit return schemes and environmental protection**  
**Jemma Bere**, Policy and Research Manager, Keep Wales Tidy  
**Pete Robertson**, Acting Director, Food and Drink Federation Cymru  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **'The role of the waste sector in helping achieve 2050 climate targets'**  
**Richard Taylor**, Senior Analyst, Committee on Climate Change
- 11.55 **Community engagement, reducing food waste, building on household recycling rates, and creating opportunities for businesses**  
**Sarah Germain**, Manager, FareShare Cymru  
**Amy Greenfield**, Director, Awesome.Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Richard Taylor**, Senior Analyst, Committee on Climate Change
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **Next steps for meeting zero waste and net-zero targets in Wales**  
**Bettina Gilbert**, Programme Manager, WRAP Cymru  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Councillor Catrin Elen Wager**, Cabinet Member for Highways and Municipal, Gwynedd Council  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales