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SEPA's Landfill Sector Plan

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Why a Landfill Sector Plan?

- Upcoming BMW ban
- A poor sector compliance record
- Internal lessons learned
- Feedback from the sector
- Potential for large climate change benefits in the closed LF sector

Vision

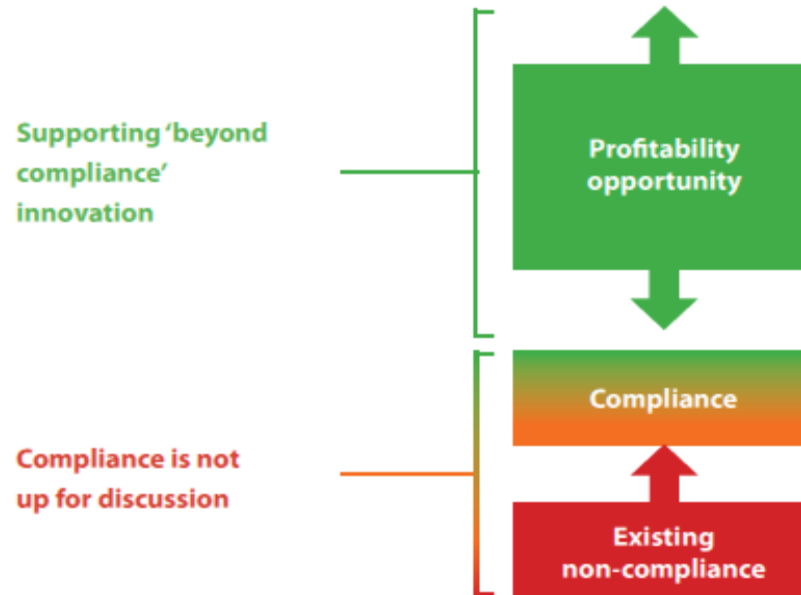
- Scottish landfills provide a valuable service as an environmentally sound disposal route for wastes which cannot be recycled or recovered.
- Landfill operators are compliant with the law, operate to high standards, are good neighbours in their communities and have adequate financial provision in place.
- Landfill operators are responding to increasing waste prevention, reuse and recovery rates by rethinking operations and diversifying their businesses.
- The waste supply chain supports a circular economy within the sector by maximising the economic recovery of waste and only landfilling waste that has reached the end of its life.
- Landfills are closed and restored in such a way that protects the environment, including gas utilisation or flaring to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Scope

- Landfills Regulated under PPC & WML
- Excludes unauthorised activity
- Compliance with all environmental legislation

Focus

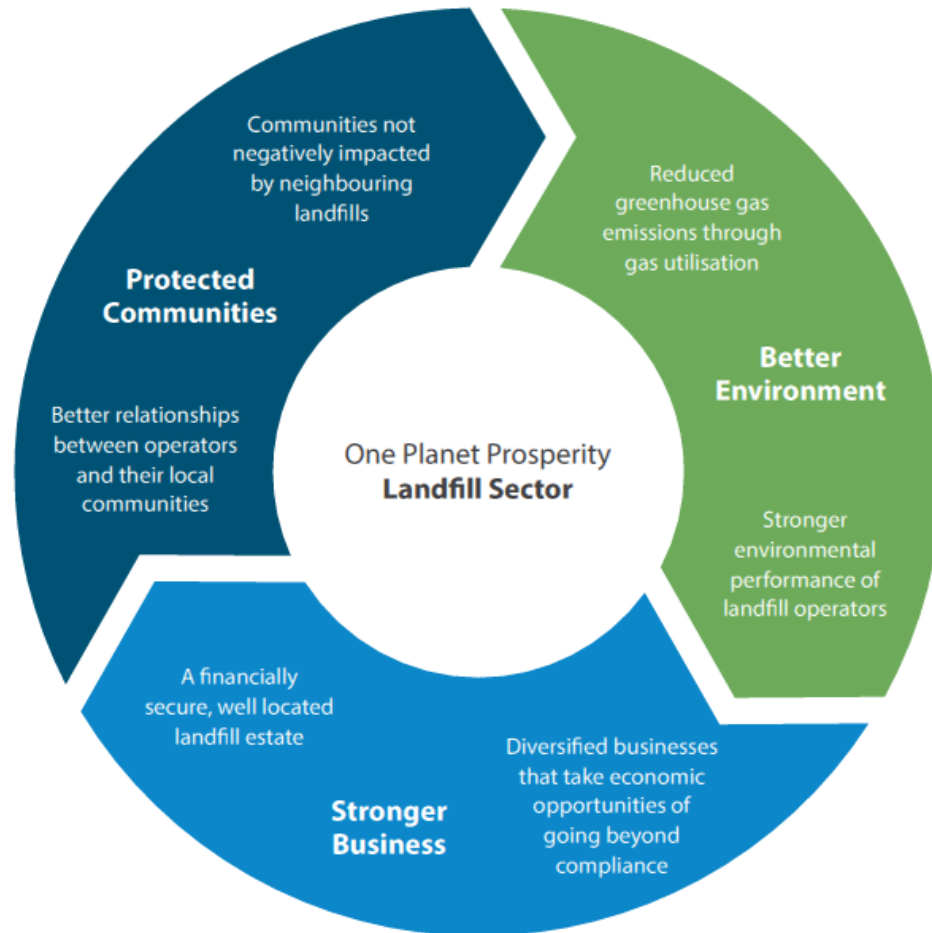
A Sustainable Economy (Figure 2)



Delivery

- Life cycle approach
- Using wider influencers
- 16 initial focussed areas to support improving compliance
- 10 priority actions for 2018-19
- Develop action plans around priority actions and other work areas

Outcomes



Consultation Feedback

- The BMW ban should have greater prominence and detail.
- The plan should tackle illegal activity.
- What is SEPA going to do to make people comply?

Key messages

- Primary focus of this plan is on delivering compliance.
- Responsibility for complying with Permits sits with operators.
- We will engage with operators, representative bodies and partner agencies to help us deliver the plan.
- We will improve regulatory consistency

Any Questions?

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