



Climate and Environment Emergency Executive Panel

**National Waste Strategy
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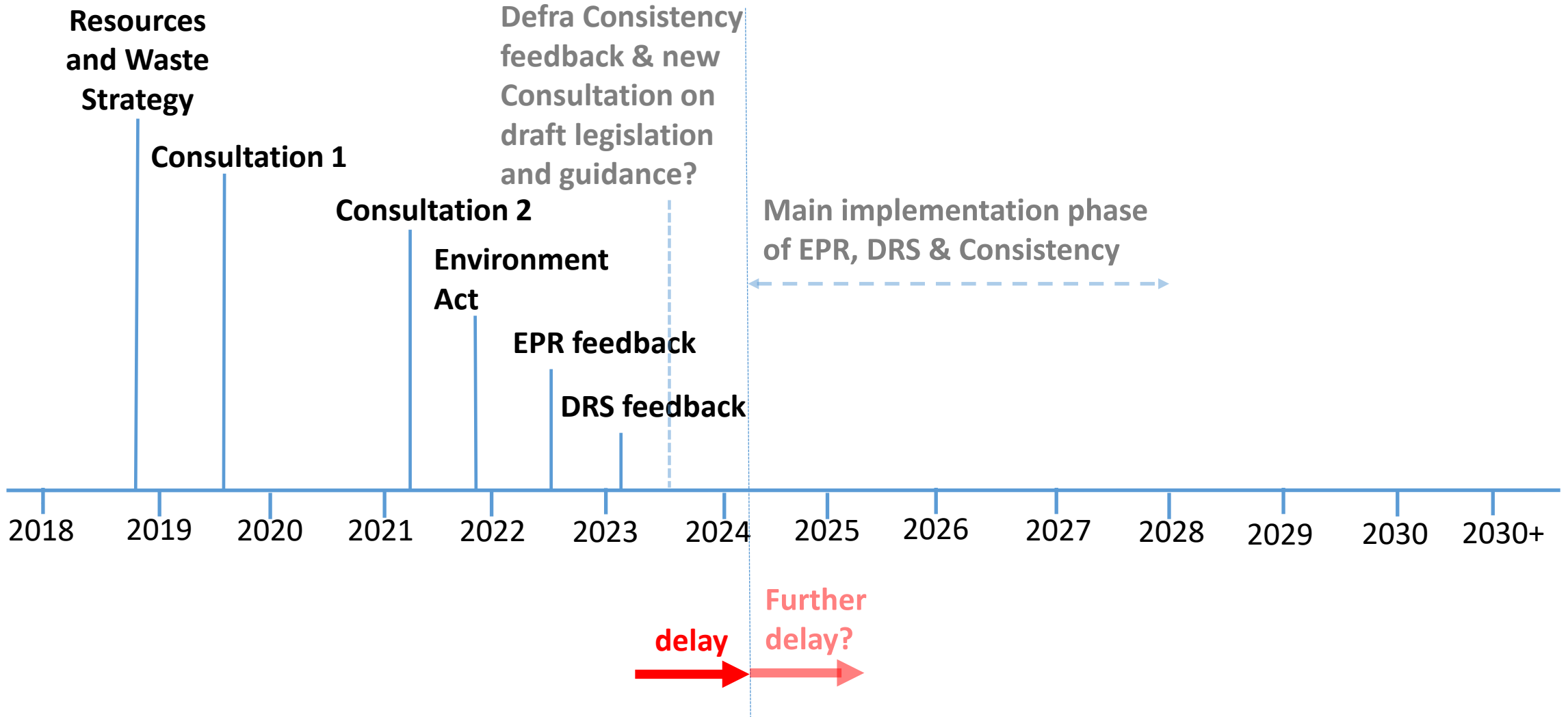
Background

- Resources and Waste Strategy for England released in 2018
- A number of objectives for waste management and councils
 - Capture as much material as possible whilst ensuring quality
 - Improve collaboration
 - Move away from weight based recycling targets
 - All plastic packaging to be recyclable by 2025
 - Establish legislation for the introduction of a scheme for Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, a Deposit Return Scheme, and consistency of local authority recycling collections



- Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme for Packaging Waste
 - Producers (and ultimately consumers) will pay for the costs incurred by councils of collecting and recycling packaging waste
 - Scheme will be set up to manage payments from producers to councils for efficient and effective (still to be defined) services
 - Great deal of uncertainty around payments and timings
 - Original implementation date early 2024
 - Has already been delayed on a number of occasions
 - Will not include drinks containers (see later slide)

Timeline: EPR Policy Development





Consistency

- Phased introduction from 2024
- Will specify core materials to be collected by councils
 - Glass bottles and containers
 - Paper & card
 - Plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays
 - Steel & aluminium cans
 - Aerosols
 - Food waste – all councils to collect by 2025?
- May also specify frequencies of residual waste collection
- Uncertainty around free garden waste collections from next year

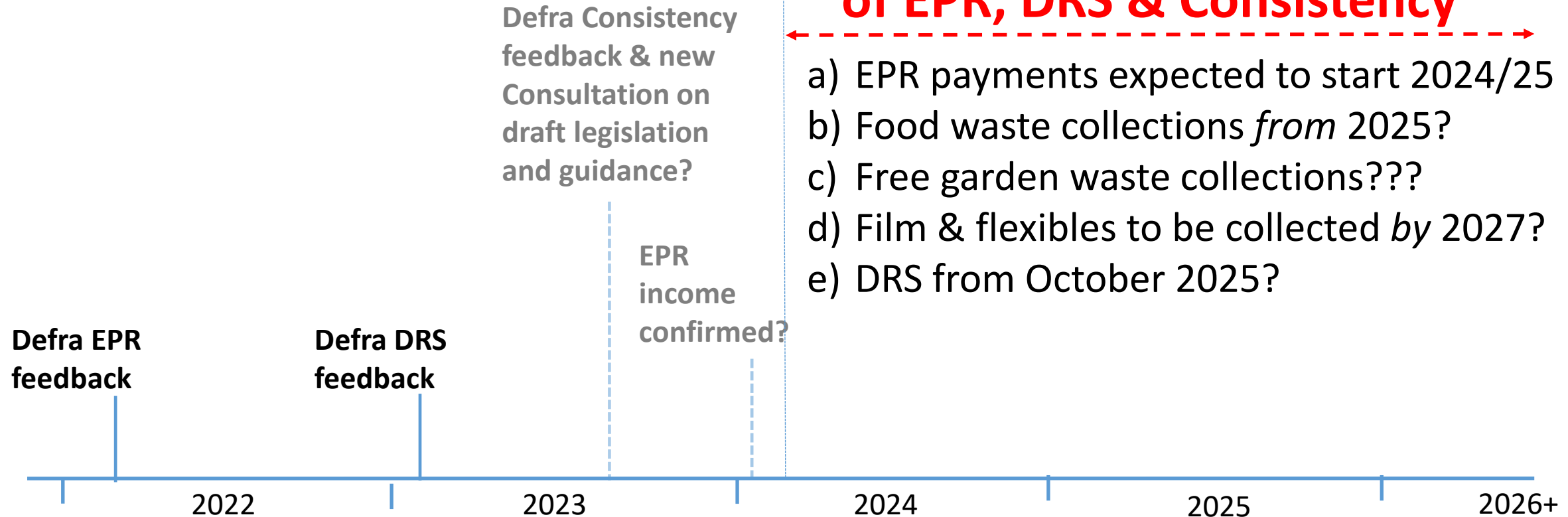


Deposit Return Scheme

- To be introduced in 2025
- Will apply to drinks containers 3 litres or smaller
- Will not include glass
- Deposit expected to be 20p per container
- Materials will not be included in EPR scheme
- Will have implications for council with regards to reduction in litter, and how much it costs us to recycle our blue bin material

Timeline: Policy Implementation

Main implementation phase of EPR, DRS & Consistency





Where are we starting from?

A good place

- Norwich Waste Strategy 2013 – 2020
 - Class leading range of services, including food waste, garden waste, textiles, electrical equipment
 - Recycling rate increased from 15% to just under 40%
 - Waste collected per household reduced by 20% of 2013/14 baseline



Where are we starting from?

- New contracts in place with Biffa (collection), NEWS (blue bin material) and TMA (garden waste) after extensive market testing and review
- Refreshed governance in place for NEWS joint venture
- Give the council certainty and flexibility in future design of services
- In 3rd quartile for recycling rates (214th of 333 councils)
- In upper quartile for waste produced per household (41st of 333 councils)



What next?

- Continue to work with partners to improve performance
- Develop new strategy to reduce our impact on the environment and meet council's ambitions for recycling and waste minimisation (first draft to be completed by the end of this year)
- Develop new financial model to address changes (EPR payments, recycling credits, reduced income from materials)
- New structure for environment services to help deliver this
- New low carbon fleet for Biffa in 2027