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Outline of presentation

- Context
- Background to the Review of Policy
- Structure of the Review of Waste Policy
- Remit and Role of the Report
- Some issues considered
- Ongoing Policy and Implementation Measures
- Next steps



Context

- Policy Review
- Landfill Targets
- New Waste Framework Directive
- Local Government
- Economic Situation – public and private sectors



Background to Policy Review

- Traditional view of waste in Ireland
- Development of awareness
- Policy documents 1998 – 2006
- Why and the when of the review



Remit of the Report

- Evaluation
 - Evaluate Ireland's performance
 - Evaluate what is required to deliver on our obligations
- Examine and Report
 - Structures
 - Stakeholders
 - Regulatory Arrangements



Structure of the Report Process

- Steering Group
- Consultative Group
- Modules
- Report on
 - Prevention
 - Recycling
 - Structures
 - Residual waste
 - Targets



Some Issues...

- Interlinked issues
- Still questions NOT policy
- Issues came from both team and stakeholders



The Market

- Is it delivering as currently structured?
- Would significant change be required?
- What form should it be and what would it add?
- What about costs and efficiency?
- How should any transition be managed?



The Regions

- The current role – is it appropriate?
- Future Role?
- Interaction with local and national government?
- Are certain issues more national?



Levies

- Range of proposed levies
- Bill already in development
- Significant increases to divert BMW
- Mix of tonnage and emissions



Funding

- Producer Responsibility
- More PRIs?
- Relates to cost
- Who pays – who gains



Policy/Implementation Continues

- Batteries Directive
- Waste Framework Directive
- RIA
- Circular on Brown Bins and Home Composting
- Waste Prevention
- Market Development
- Draft Food Waste Regulations



Next Steps

- Report - Analysis
- Engagement
- Review - Decisions
- Possible legislative processes
- Implementation



Thank you

Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the report and the review process.



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