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The LGA perspective

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promoting better local government

LGA – promoting better local government

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- Cross party, represents 400+ local authorities
- UK most centralised of western democracies
- Devolution to deliver better services
- Need to make the case for local government by *promoting better local government*

We are trying hard..

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- We want to save you money;
- We want to reward you for doing the right thing;
- We want to save the planet’s resources for future generations;
- We want to help stop climate change!

Yes we can and should be influencing behaviour but...

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- It isn’t councils who are creating all this waste!
- We are not the fly-tippers!
- Councils aren’t dumping recyclate in Third World landfills!

What did the council ever do for us?

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- Waste management doesn’t cost as much as you might think

Government's high expectations

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- Expectation of high recycling levels and reduced waste to landfill
- The policies needed to achieve them:
  - Strong communications / strong enforcement
  - Alternate Bin Collections
  - Financial incentives / charging
  - New residual waste treatment plants

New Worries...

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- Credit Crunch
- Global Economic Down-turn

… things are changing …

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- A few years ago charging, enforcement and ABCs were almost pie-in-the-sky

- Now becoming accepted as ‘normal’
- We need to hold our nerve!
- We’re doing an amazing job!
- Help us make the case for further change…