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## Policy Connect/Sustainable Resource Forum

### Energy from Waste Inquiry

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#### Outline

Policy Connect are undertaking a cross-party inquiry into the future of Energy from Waste, and this will in particular seek to inform the heat aspects of the EfW debate.

The specific guiding points this project will seek to inform, with each forming the focus of a roundtable session, are:

1. What does the future of waste management of the UK look like across the regions of the UK, and has the residual waste element been appropriately considered alongside increased recycling and reduced landfill/exports? What role could EfW play in contributing to the Government's ambitions on achieving a circular economy?
2. What are the opportunities for EfW to provide low carbon heating for industry and domestic properties across the UK? How might this translate into planning policy, particularly in relation to new housing developments and public facilities?
3. How can EfW help to address social issues in communities such as addressing fuel poverty and attracting jobs/investments, and enable regional leadership in low carbon heat/energy?

#### Inquiry process and methodology

The research and report compilation will be conducted by staff at Policy Connect and the work will be overseen by Professor Margaret Bates (academic advisor for the project), as well as contributions from the membership organisations of the [Sustainable Resource Forum](#), and parliamentarians involved in the project. The research will mainly take the form of desk research and semi-structured interviews that will take place from November to February. This will involve the waste sector, cross-party parliamentarians (tbc in the new Parliament), the Civil Service, academia, the heat/energy industry, NGOs and charities.

In addition there will be three parliamentary roundtable evidence sessions in January/February 2020, with each focusing on the above aspects questions respectively .

#### Audience and outcome

This project is primarily aimed at policymakers – parliamentarians and civil servants in the relevant government departments and agencies (Defra, Environment Agency, BEIS, MHCLG), and will seek to better inform and help develop a cross-departmental approach to decision making. This inquiry will culminate in a report that will be published and launched in Parliament around April 2020.