What is the data from WasteDataFlow used for?

This fact sheet is intended to provide a brief overview of how the data Local Authorities submit via WasteDataFlow is used:

- To enable LAs to **run reports** for various key waste statistics **to inform LA planning and waste management.** The reports also enable LAs to **benchmark their performance** against other waste authorities, and enables LAs to **monitor their progress** over time.

- To produce **National Statistics** on municipal waste arisings.

  - **England**: *Defra Waste Statistics*
  - **Wales**: *Welsh Government*
  - **Northern Ireland**: *Department of Environment*
  - **Scotland**: *Environmental Protection Agency*

- To provide data on household waste for the **EU Waste Statistics Regulation data Return,** and from April 2011 provide data on waste from households for the **Waste Framework Directive.**

- To provide an **evidence base** to guide government, policy for example the Government Review of Waste Policy in England 2011, The Waste (Scotland) Regulations, Wales Strategy 2009 – 2050: Towards Zero Waste, The Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy 2006 - 2020.

- Waste data is provided to number of public bodies and has **replaced a number of separate waste data surveys**, for example those carried out by:
  - Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)
  - WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) use the data to update their Local Authority **Waste and Recycling Information Portal.**
  - Welsh Local Government Association
  - Zero Waste Scotland

- To provide a **public resource** for waste data.

- Data is also used to answer **Parliamentary Questions**, **public enquires** and provided to organisations and research institutions for **research projects** on waste and recycling. As well as providing accurate information to support **private sector investment** decisions.

Relevant links

Defra Waste Statistics
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/series/waste-and-recycling-statistics

Welsh Government
http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/waste_recycling/?lang=en

Northern Ireland Department of the Environment
http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/waste/waste-publications.htm

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
http://www.sepa.org.uk/waste/waste_data.aspx

European Commission, Eurostat: Waste Statistics
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Waste_statistics

CIPFA
http://www.cipfa.org.uk

WRAP
http://laportal.wrap.org.uk/