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Action	Task	By Whom	By When	Progress	Commentary
1. Sustainable design	Publish report on work being done to encourage sustainable design/sustainable products	Scottish Environment Protection Agency (with advice from the Scottish Executive (SE))	End 2007		Contact: Sustainable Design Forum, Design Business Association, Design Council., DEFRA
2. Product lifespans	Provide information to consumers on product lifespans, guarantees and availability of spare parts	Scottish Waste Awareness Group (SWAG) (with advice from the Scottish Executive)	March 2008		Contact: Sheffield Hallam University Centre for Sustainable Consumption
3. Producer responsibility	Publish report on potential to introduce further producer responsibility initiatives	SEPA	Dec 2007		SEPA to make recommendations to Scottish Executive in line with existing legislation (sections 93 to 95 of the Environment Act 1995), and taking account of links with DEFRA. http://www.sepa.org.uk/producer/index.htm . http://www.sepa.org.uk/pdf/producer/monitoring_strategy_2006.pdf .

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	3a. continue to publish reports on existing producer responsibility schemes	SEPA	ongoing		
4. Food waste	Reduce food waste	Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) / SWAG	2010		Activities associated with WRAP's retail programme. Contact: WRAP have existing contacts with retailers and with the British/Scottish Retail Consortium
	4a. pilot new food waste campaign, aimed primarily at householders	SWAG (working with WRAP)	end 2007		
	4b. develop smarter packaging, to increase shelf-life of products	WRAP	progress check, Feb 2008		
	4c. develop marketing approaches with retailers, to reduce food waste	WRAP	end Mar 2008		

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	4d. improve consumer understanding of food labels	WRAP			Contact: Food Standards Agency
5. Packaging	Reduce amount of packaging waste	SE / WRAP / SWAG/SEPA	2010		Activities associated with WRAP's retail programme.
	5a. develop lighter weight or reusable packaging	WRAP	ongoing, progress report Feb 2008		
	5b. explain purpose of packaging, including what may be considered as excessive	SWAG / SEPA	End 2007		
	5c. develop improved systems for complaints	SWAG / SEPA	April 2008		Speak to WRAP, packaging industry, Local Authorities (including trading standards), SEPA and retailers
	5d. consider whether further action required on packaging legislation.	SE/SEPA			

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	5e. improved packaging guidelines adoption by retailers	WRAP	Ongoing, progress report Feb 2008		
6.Purchasing decisions	Influence consumer purchasing decisions	SWAG	Ongoing		
	6a. promote online waste exchanges	SWAG			
	6b. promote use of charity shops / auctions to encourage re-use	SWAG/ CRNS			
	6c. promote buying experiences rather than gifts	SWAG			
	6d. promote borrowing / hiring items	SWAG			

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7. Plastic / paper bags	Agree Carrier Bag Code of Practice to reduce environmental impact of bags by 2008	SE	End Feb 2007		BRC, retailers, UK Government, plastics industry
8. Unwanted mail	Reduce unwanted mail by 10%	SE / SEPA / SWAG	2010		
	8a. ensure Direct Marketing Association (DMA) code of practice extends to Scotland	SE	September 2007		Meeting with DMA arranged for 5 March
	8b. continue to promote Mailing Preference Service (MPS)	SWAG	ongoing		SE will discuss with DEFRA and DTI
	8c. Write to Royal Mail to ensure door to door service opt out for unaddressed mail is clear	SE			

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	8d. Work with electoral registration officers to promote key information to voters on how to opt out of edited version of the electoral register	SWAG, with support from the SE			SE will discuss with the Scotland Office.
	8e. Promote use of online billing for utility companies	SWAG			
	8f. Ensure advice to householders on issues relating to unwanted mail (eg data protection, staying off mailing lists, mail from bodies the householder already has a relationship with) is up to date and accurate	SWAG, with support from the SE and SEPA.			Contact: Information Commissioner's Office

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	8g. Provide letter templates on website to assist householders wishing to write to bodies to remove name from mailing list	SWAG			Link to Waste Prevention Guide which includes templates
9. Home composting	Further encourage home composting	WRAP / SWAG/CRNS			WRAP's existing home composting scheme, supported by SWAG, will extend to all 32 local authorities in Scotland in 2007/08
	9a. Increase support for master composter schemes, including advice for communal gardens	CRNS and WRAP, with support from SWAG	Proposal by CRNS to WRAP by Mar '07		
	9b. Continue to encourage use of food digesters and wormeries	WRAP, with support from SWAG and CRNS			
10. Nappies	Reduce the waste impact of nappies	SE / SEPA / SWAG / CRNS	Sustain 3000 tonnes per year		

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	10a. Continue discussion with Absorbent Hygiene Products Manufacturers Association (AHPMA)	SE	Ongoing		
	10b. Support for real nappies through CRNS	CRNS			
	10c. Information on nappies both disposable and re-useable) on SWAG website	SWAG			
11. Reuse framework	Develop Reuse Framework	SE / SEPA / CRNS / SWAG	December 2007		
	11a. Encourage local waste exchanges	CRNS / SWAG / SEPA			
	11b. Improve reuse facilities at recycling centres	SE / CRNS / SEPA			Being discussed with local authorities and others in context of work to meet longer term recycling targets

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	11c. Campaign to prevent reusable items being wasted	SWAG / CRNS			
	11d. Further action on repair / refurbishment	SE / CRNS / SEPA			
	11e. Encourage reuse of paint	CRNS / SWAG / SEPA			
	11f. Encourage further reuse of bulky items (including white goods).	SE / CRNS / SEPA			Items from special uplifts and those collected by community sector. Advice to local authorities.
	11g. Learn from experience of reuse elsewhere	CRNS / SE / SEPA			
12. Community composting	Establish further 20 community composting sites	CRNS	2008		
	12a. SEPA to consider changes	SEPA	Summer 2007		

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	to charging regime and make recommendations to SE on legislation.				
13. INCREASE waste prevention projects	Monitor and report success of INCREASE waste prevention projects	SE	March 2008		
	13a. SE to ensure Momenta monitor effectively the waste prevention projects funded through INCREASE	SE			Contact: Momenta (who administer the INCREASE programme)
14. Education / awareness	Ensure waste prevention measures in Ecoschools / other education initiatives	SE / SEPA	March 2007		
	14a. Assist with update of waste chapter in	SWAG / SE / SEPA			

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	Ecoschools handbook				
15. Guidance on bin sizes / collection frequency	Provide advice to local authorities on size of residual bins, frequency of residual collections and use of receptacles for recycling.	SE	August 2007		
16. Landfill bans	Review annually the possibility of introducing further landfill bans on materials.	SE / SEPA	First review by December 2007		Consult with WRAP, REMADE, waste industry, Cosla and SEPA
17. Charging for other types of waste	Review Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 which allow charges to be made by local authorities for the collection of specific types of household waste.	SE	January 2008		Consult with CoSLA and SEPA.

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18. Guidance on SLA's / contracts	Issue guidance to local authorities on mainstreaming waste prevention into Service Level Agreements / Contracts.	SE	December 2007		Work with WRAP
19. Incentives	Consider, with Local authorities and others, the role of incentives in recycling / waste prevention.	SE	Summer 2007		Workshops on 15 Feb and 16 March to discuss a number of issues including incentives.
20. Spending review 2007	Consider, as part of Spending Review 2007, if further resources should be allocated to waste prevention specifically and how resources should be allocated to ensure waste is prevented.	SE	Summer 2007		

Additional points

- SE to continue monitoring introduction of new reverse vending systems introduced by supermarkets etc
- SE to obtain information on statutory and voluntary deposit-return systems in EU

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