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Dear Convener,

## **Household Recycling Code of Practice Consultation Publication**

I am writing to advise the Committee that the Scottish Government is publishing a consultation on the Household Recycling Code of Practice today, 29 October 2026.

The consultation was announced via a Government initiated Question earlier today: [Written question and answer: S7W-04592 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

The Code represents an important step in supporting Scotland's transition to a more circular economy making use of provisions made by the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024. By improving the services offered to the public and increasing consistency across Scotland, the Code has the potential to make it easier for people to recycle, keeping valuable materials in use for longer, and reduce emissions associated with the goods and resources we consume.

Development of the Code has been informed by an extensive co-design process involving local government, waste management practitioners, environmental organisations and other key stakeholders. This collaborative approach has ensured that the Code reflects a broad range of expertise and practical experience, that it recognises the diversity of circumstances across Scotland, and that it is deliverable.

The consultation will seek views on a range of proposals intended to increase services and support a more consistent approach to household recycling. It provides local authorities, stakeholders, communities and members of the public with an opportunity to help shape the final Code before it is laid before Parliament.

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The Scottish Government recognises the important role of Parliament in scrutinising measures that support Scotland's circular economy ambitions. We would welcome the Committee's views on the consultation proposals and look forward to engaging constructively with the Committee during the consultation period.

Yours sincerely,



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