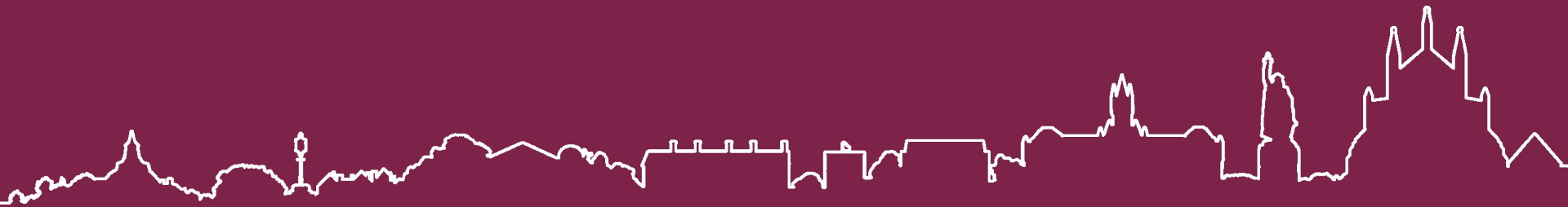


Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) across the UK

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HOW DRS FUNCTIONS



SCOTLAND'S DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME

BUY DRINK. PAY DEPOSIT



CONTAINERS RECYCLED

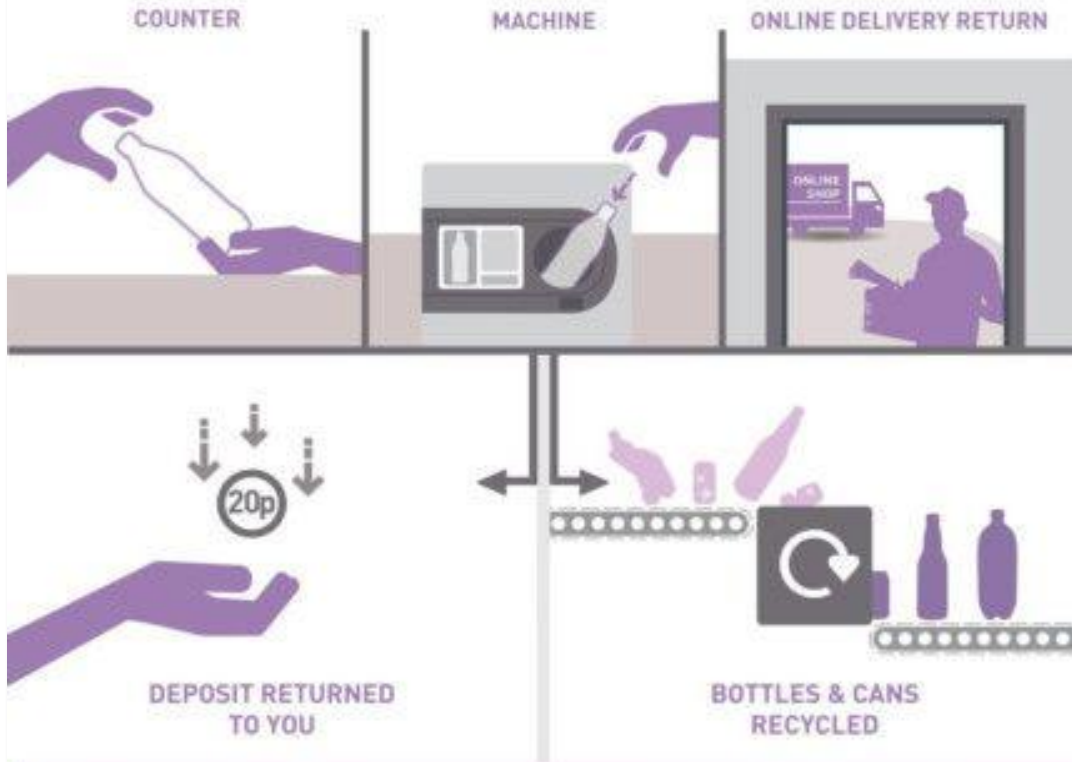


TAKE BACK TO A PLACE THAT SELLS DRINKS TO TAKE AWAY*

*SOME BUSINESSES, LIKE RESTAURANTS, WILL ONLY TAKE BACK DRINKS SOLD ON PREMISES.



RETURN OPTIONS



DEPOSIT RETURN INCREASES QUALITY
50 BOTTLES CAN BE RECYCLED
BACK INTO BOTTLES



TARGET CAPTURE RATE:



Scottish
Government
gov.scot



Winchester
City Council

DRS proposed across UK, but separately

Northern Ireland

N.I. officials co-consulted with Defra
(17 February – 13 May 2019)

Not certain that they will implement with
England (2023), or at all

(Scope etc., as per England)

Wales

Welsh Government co-consulted with
Defra (17 February – 13 May 2019)

Not certain that they will implement with
England (2023), or at all

(Scope etc., as per England)

Scotland

Expectation of a full scale 'Nordic style' DRS for
cans, PET and glass

scheme to be up and running by July 2022

Scheme design announced 8 May 2019.
Consultation (2018) complete; responses published
21 February 2019

England

Anticipated implementation 2023

Unclear whether full scale ('all-in') or 'on the go'

Materials in scope unclear – full range being
considered

Consultation ran 17 February - 13 May 2019)

DRS Scotland-England timeline



August 2019:
Draft
regulations
expected

Early 2020:
Parliamentary
approval of
regulations

March 2020:
12-month notice
given to industry

July 2022
Scot. Govt intended
deadline for DRS

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

'DRS timing gap'

August 2019:
UK Govt.
response to
consultation

Autumn 2019:
Govt. Draft
Environment Bill
published

Early 2020:
Second DRS
consultation(s) expected

Early 2022:
12-month notice
given to industry

January 2023:
Proposed introduction of
DRS in England, Wales
and N.I.



DRS among wider green policy changes

Defra: Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging
[UK - 2023]

- Producers move to 100% responsibility for packing costs
- PRN system has long needed reform, but high costs need careful consideration.
- Drinks producers should be able to fulfil obligations for primary packaging via DRS, and not be double-charged.



DRS among wider green policy changes

Defra: Consistency in household/business waste collections [England - 2023]

- Supportive of measures to bring consistency to collections, improve recycling quality and make it easy for consumers to do the right thing.
- How such changes are funded needs careful consideration.
- Includes food waste collection
- Includes household 'like' waste

HM Treasury: Plastic Tax (30%) [UK - 2022]

- Proposals and timing (2022) do not fit with DRS or EPR reform plans – therefore hard to achieve changes in time.

What DRS means for producers

'Doing the right thing' - taking further action to reduce litter and increase recycling collection

Fulfilment of extended producer responsibility

Supports aims of industry to move towards circular model for packaging

Increased availability of high-quality recycle; reduced burden on virgin materials

Producer costs

- SET UP AND DRS SYSTEM RUNNING COSTS
- SUPPLY CHAIN COSTS
- COMMERCIAL IMPACT (LOST SALES)

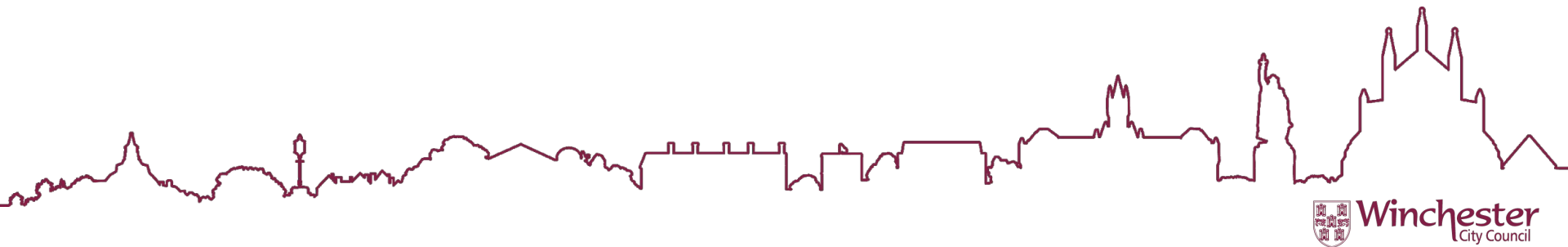
labelling changes

Ongoing involvement in scheme



What to do

- ❑ Engage with industry associations
- ❑ Respond to government; get involved with consultation and implementation processes
- ❑ Prepare your teams; model business impact and the changes required – start now!



Questions

