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"Generally, most people now understand that resources are becoming scarcer and that it is down to both individuals and companies to make the most of them and to also reduce the amount of waste they initially generate."

– Lewis Cone, B2B Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- What are the key determinants driving the waste management industry?
- Has the industry recovered alongside the economy after the financial crisis? If so, how has it developed and changed since the recession?
- How have government schemes influenced market demand and supply?
- How have regulations and the threat of climate change changed the industry's approach?
- What are the key issues that the industry needs to address to diversify its service and compete in the long term?
- What does the future hold for UK waste management?

Waste management in the UK has changed significantly over the last decade, particularly in the last six years as the EU implemented several directives, regarding landfill, recycling and reuse, for member states to abide by. The UK has reduced the amount of waste deposited at landfill sites and has been fairly active in recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion. Progress has also been made towards improving recycle quality and moving from 'down-cycling' to closed-loop recycling. However, English recycling rates have stagnated over the last two years, while those in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have continued to improve. With the economy expected to experience stable GDP growth over the next four years, the UK faces a tough challenge in reducing overall waste arisings and improving disposal, treatment and collection efficiencies. The European Commission's new waste directives, expected to be announced later this year, will drive any future UK policy action.

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