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This report looks at the following areas:

- How the market has performed in the unprecedented disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Financial performance of key industry players
- How the government plans to achieve its circular economy ambitions and the implications for the waste management industry
- Market drivers for investment in the UK reprocessing and recycling industry

The government has set a target to recycle 65% of municipal waste by 2035. This represents a massive increase from current levels, with 41.4% of local authority collected waste recycled in 2021. To meet this ambitious target, significant investment in the UK recycling infrastructure is required, which needs to be underpinned by clear, long-term government policies.

Waste management companies and local authorities are impacted by rising fuel prices, which will further increase cost pressures on a sector already grappling with surging cost inflation. Companies will look to offset cost inflation with price increases and a focus on operational cost savings.

According to CIPFA's performance tracker of the impact of COVID-19 on public service spending, local authorities spent an unplanned £173 million on waste collection and disposal in 2020/21. In 2021/22, councils have faced further service price increases as waste companies saw rising costs due to supply chain issues. With increased spending pressures set to continue over the next few years, the Local Government Association has warned that vital services, including waste and recycling, continue to face an uncertain future.

An ongoing commitment to a more circular economy, underpinned by major waste reforms, will be central to developments in the waste management market over the coming years. This will drive continued investment in UK recycling capacity and capability, including the development of, and investment in, new technologies for sorting and processing plastic packaging.



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– Claudia Preedy, Senior B2B Analyst

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Major UK waste management companies have already committed a considerable amount of capital investment into UK recycling facilities over the coming years, with a strong focus on plastic recycling and recovery.

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