

What difference have we made? Well that depends, who wants to know? Considering the impact of the UK's Resource Efficiency Delivery Body from different 'vantage points'

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Background

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has a policy objective to achieve sustainable, low carbon and resource efficient patterns of consumption and production. It provides funding to WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) to support UK businesses, local authorities, communities and citizens in taking action to improve resource efficiency – action which enables natural resources to be used in the most effective way, as many times as possible, while minimising the impact of their use on the environment.

Over the last three years, work has been undertaken to develop a new framework for evaluating the impact of business-facing programmes undertaken by WRAP, along with an improved mechanism for considering the value for money of WRAP's activities from a range of perspectives or 'vantage points'. The new approach and resulting model enables value for money to be considered in terms of the costs and benefits to the taxpayer, UK businesses and society at large.

IEPEC poster

Our IEPEC poster illustrates the way in which the framework uses the available data to enable conclusions to be drawn about the value for money of WRAP's activities from different 'vantage points'. It summarises the rationale for considering impact from each of the vantage points, the work undertaken to consider value for money at each of these levels, and some of the methodological challenges encountered in implementing the new approach.