

APSRG Briefing Paper: Government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon Theresa May MP, has this week unveiled the Government's new green paper on the UK's Industrial Strategy. Entitled, '[Building our Industrial Strategy](#)', the paper sets out a plan to improve living standards and economic growth by increasing productivity and driving growth across the whole country.

As part of this plan, the Government has announced ten strategic pillars which underpin the approach:

1. Investing in science, research and innovation;
2. Developing skills;
3. Upgrading infrastructure;
4. Supporting businesses to start and grow;
5. Improving procurement to drive innovation and enable supply chain development;
6. Encouraging trade and inward investment policy;
7. Delivering affordable energy and clean growth;
8. Cultivating world-leading sectors;
9. Driving growth across the whole country; and
10. Creating the right institutions to bring together sectors and places.

On sustainable resources, the paper highlights the role that resource efficiency and waste management will play within the industrial strategy:

*"Increasing the efficiency of material use across the whole supply chain can deliver huge cost savings and improve the productivity of UK businesses. **The Government will work with stakeholders to explore opportunities to reduce raw material demand and waste in our energy and resource systems, and to promote well-functioning markets for secondary materials, and new disruptive business models that challenge inefficient practice.** This work will be supported by the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan, which will set out a long term vision for delivering a more resource efficient and resilient economy."*

The APSRG welcomes this renewed focus on markets for secondary materials and their commitment to reducing demand for virgin resources. The APSRG encourages its members to respond to the Government's consultation on their green paper. Responses should be submitted **no later than 17th April 2017** [online](#).