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09:30 - 10:00 | Registration and Refreshments

10:00 - 10:10 | Chair's Welcome Address

Graeme Kennett, REA Organics Forum Chair, WRM

10:10 - 11:30 | Session 1: Waste Policy and Regulations

SESSION CHAIR - Graeme Kennett, REA Organics Chair & WRM

Presentation 1: *Food waste collections from homes and businesses*, **Dan Roberts and Penny Huckle**, WRAP

Presentation 2: *Update on Latest Regulatory Developments*, **Dan Pursglove**, Environment Agency

Presentation 3: *Nutrient Management Planning Tool - a free online tool to help farmers to improve nutrient-use and crop production while reducing pollution*, **Dr Hannah Rigby and Dr Jaswinder Kaur**, Defra

11:30 - 12:00 - Refreshments and Networking

12:00 - 13:00 | Session 2: Opportunities for the Sector

SESSION CHAIR - Trevor Hutchings, REA

Presentation 1: *Research Hub Updates*, **Grace Egan**, REAL

PANEL DISCUSSION: Opportunities for the Sector

Anna Becvar, Earthcare Technical

George Longmuir, Freeland Horticulture

Justin Dampney, Eco Sustainable Solutions

Stuart Hayward-Higham, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK

13:00 - 14:15 - Lunch

14:15 - 15:30 | Session 3: Facilitated Discussion (Presentation & Breakout Discussion)

SESSION CHAIR - Jenny Grant, REA

Presentation 1: *Future of PAS 100 and PAS 110*, **Justyna Staff**, REAL

Facilitated group discussions

15:30 - 16:00 - Refreshments and Networking

16:00 - 17:15 | Session 4: Use of Organics

SESSION CHAIR - Kristy Blakeborough, Severn Trent Green Power

Presentation 1: *Strategic analysis on the future of digestate in the UK - A study undertaken for the Green Gas Taskforce*, **Sophie Mason**, Alder Bioinsights

Presentation 2: *Organics: Unlocking soil health for regenerative agriculture*, **John Williams**, ADAS

Presentation 3: *Using recycled organics in plant propagation media*, **Dr Francis Rayns**, Coventry University

17:15 - 17:30 | Chair's Closing Remarks

NETWORKING RECEPTION AND DINNER | Drinks Reception: 5:30pm | Dinner: 7:30pm

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GUEST SPEAKERS



Jenny Grant
Head of Organics and Natural Capital
REA



Graeme Kennett (*Organics Forum Chair*)
Principal Consultant
WRM



Trevor Hutchings
CEO
REA



Dan Pursglove
Senior Advisor—Biowaste
Environment Agency



Dr Hannah Rigby
Senior Scientist
Defra



Dan Roberts
Specialist - Waste and Recycling
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Dr Jaswinder Kaur
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