To complement our engagement in the Industrial Strategy we will support business and organisations to develop their Sector Strategy ambitions. Sector Strategies outline the innovation opportunities for a sector and how Universities, Industry and stakeholders can work together to deliver a successful outcome.

In 2019 Kent Innovation and Enterprise facilitated a workshop in Coventry to explore how we can structure the strategy for the resources and recycling sector. The workshop was supported by recycling businesses, regulators, membership organisations, consultants and manufacturers. As an output, the workshop considered a road-map for the strategy should focus on five work streams:

- New collection, processing and recycling technologies
- Higher standards and greater coherence of data and information to improve productivity
- Consumer and industry behaviour: creating consistent and easy understood information
- Legislation and regulation: ensuring they do restrict innovation
- Markets and materials: for recovered products; the sustainability and resilience of supply; quality of finished products

The connection, compatibility and sequencing across work streams is an important feature of the workshop’s output. This output from the workshop was shared with wider representatives of the sector and has effectively fed into that strategy.

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