

Environmental Protection and Waste Management – Legislative Competence Order

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I am pleased to announce that a proposed Legislative Competence Order (LCO), in the field of environmental protection and waste management, will be laid tomorrow.

The LCO has been developed following on from the Environment Strategy published in May 2006 and in response to direct concerns about issues affecting the day to day lives of people in Wales.

There are three areas in which these powers will be significant – improving local environmental quality, where issues like litter and flytipping are everyday concerns, increasing recycling and improving waste management, and strengthening pollution controls

The principal purpose of this LCO is to empower the Assembly to pass Assembly Measures under part 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 that will enable implementation of a package of measures to improve the environment of Wales.