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### **Hike in tax on waste will affect all businesses**

Waste management and recycling company, Hills Waste Solutions, is reminding businesses that there is a way to minimise the cost of the increase in landfill tax which comes into effect on 1 April.

The Chancellor's latest budget continues to support previous plans for landfill tax whereby the standard rate will increase by £8 per tonne to £56 per tonne on 1 April 2011 and continue to increase by £8 per tonne every year thereafter until 2014. Furthermore, there has been no deviation from the previous Government's announcement to put a floor under the 2014 rate of landfill tax when it reaches £80 per tonne.

"The rise in landfill tax will have a direct financial impact on all businesses when considering the cost of their waste management. The best way to minimise these costs is to ensure every possible material which can be recycled is removed from your waste prior to disposal," says Alex Marland, divisional director for Hills Waste Solutions. "This will ensure that only non-recyclable materials are sent for landfill and will reduce your landfill tax exposure."

In the future, businesses can expect to see an increased emphasis on the way business waste is both handled and regulated. A number of drivers will fuel this change such as landfill tax, more bans on certain types of waste going to landfill and increased pressure to reduce carbon footprints. Keeping up to date with changes in regulations and understanding how to remain compliant with waste management can present a challenge to most businesses.

Alex said, "Our best advice is for businesses to speak to a reputable waste management company who will give sound advice and work with them to

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reduce waste management costs. Hills Waste Solutions provides exactly that and we can tailor our services to suit your particular needs. It is all about working together to design a service that will work for you. The main aim is to ensure your business remains compliant and minimises its exposure to landfill tax for the long term.”

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Notes to editors:

**Hills Waste Solutions Limited**

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