

Essex Waste Partnership



WASTE STRATEGY

FOR ESSEX

2024 - 2054

PLACE SERVICES AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH
POLICY AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE

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Emerging consultation outputs,
consideration and adoption
approach

RETHINKING

OUR WASTE

Purpose of today

- 1 Overview of the consultation process**
- 2 Emerging consultation insights**
- 3 Consultation consideration**
- 4 Next steps**

Overview



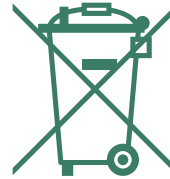
New strategy to refresh the current waste strategy that Essex adopted in 2009. Times and technology have changed, and so must we



Sets a framework for the delivery of waste management across Essex



By working together we can reduce waste, protect the environment and save resources



Developed collaboratively between Members and Officers as part of the Essex Waste Partnership, with external technical support



Public consultation delivered from 13 September to 22 November 2023

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The draft strategy – in summary



A zero waste vision statement

Prioritising moving to a Circular Economy and delivering the Waste Hierarchy

Focus on prevention, reuse and recycling

Proposing recovery of materials and energy

Aligning with national targets and setting stretching ambitions

Education, engagement and progress reporting



The consultation process



The consultation was open from 13 September to 22 November 2023.



Documents were available in every Essex CC library where there are free to access computer to complete the survey



Read the documents and complete the survey online at essex.gov.uk/wastestrategy



Alternative formats and help filling out the survey was provided through the ECC Contact Centre



Dynamic communications were deployed across range of channels and responding to consultation response trends. Programme of events delivered for residents, parish and town councils and interested groups



External quality assurance completed on the consultation prior to and throughout consultation

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DON'T WASTE THE CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

We've set out how we plan to manage recycling and waste in Essex over the next 30 years.

Tell us what you think of our new strategy.

Visit essex.gov.uk/wastestrategy or scan the QR code.



If you need help filling in the survey, please call 0345 6037625.

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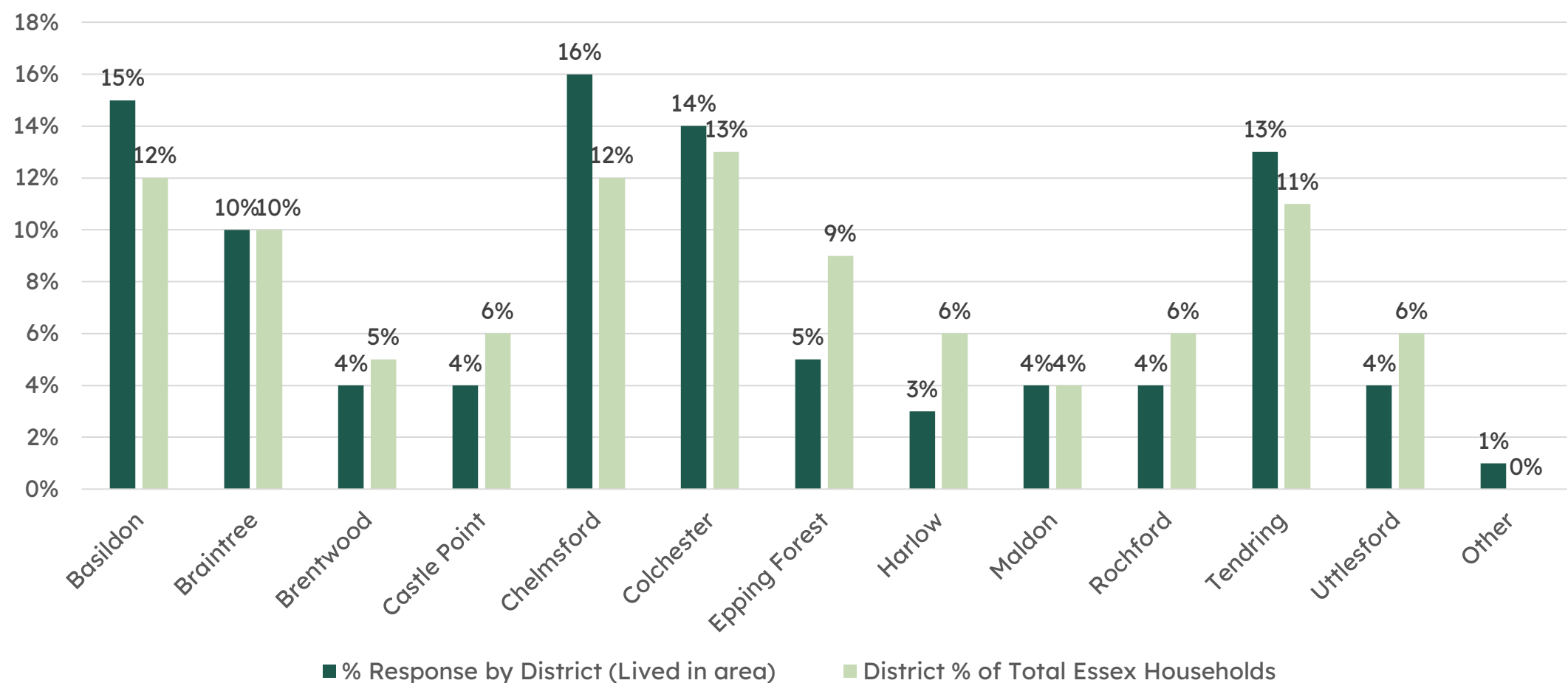
Working together for Essex

Essex County Council,
Essex District, Borough
and City Councils

Consultation Response

Consultation completed with 4545 responses

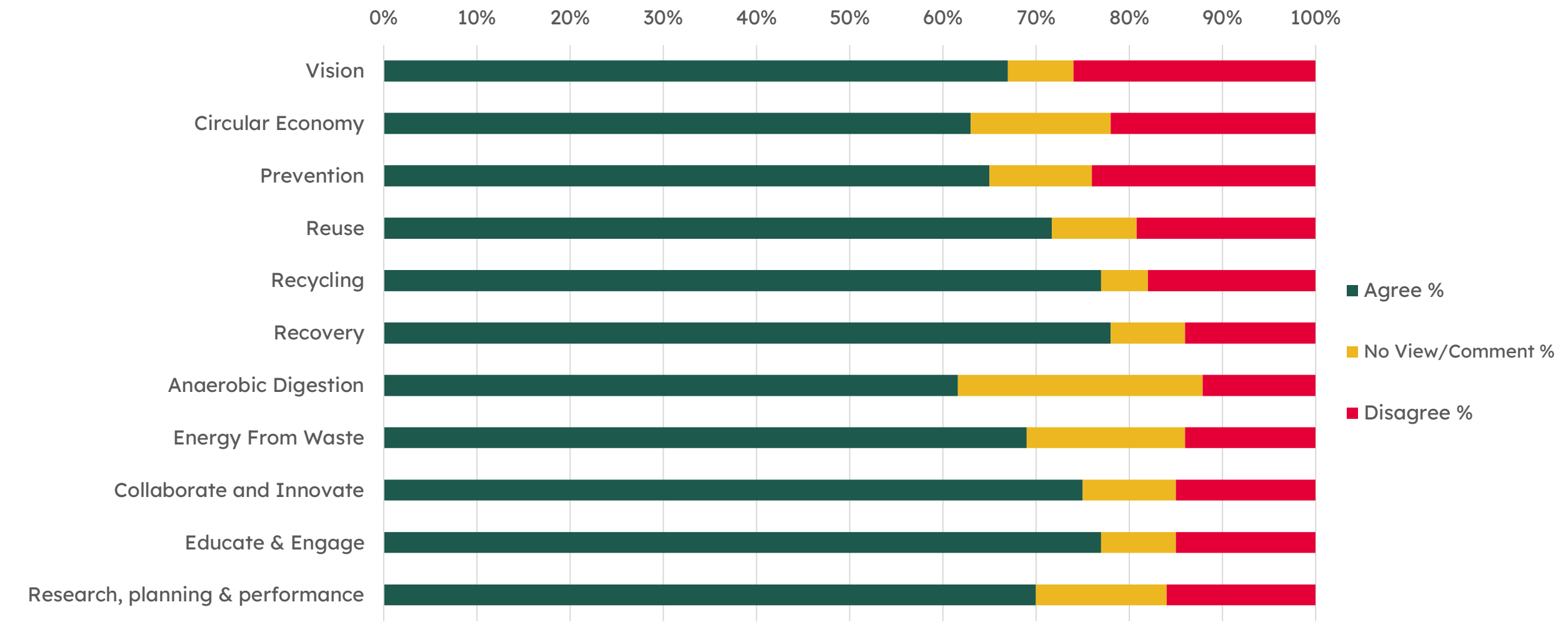
Good representation from across the county. Slight over representation from Basildon, Chelmsford, Colchester and Tendring. Under representation from Harlow and Epping Forest



Key principles

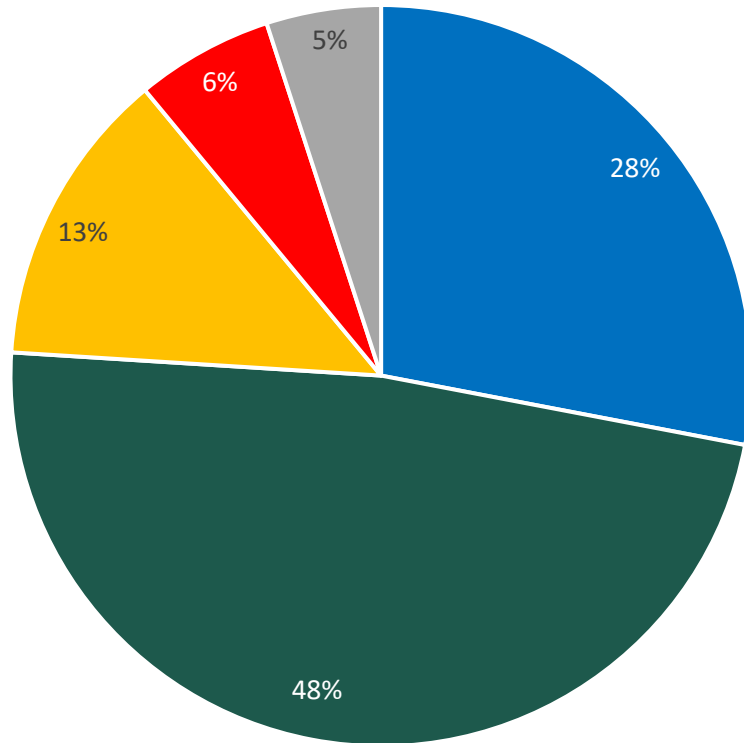
These slides show quantitative data only, further insight will be drawn from qualitative outputs.

This slide shows the level of agreement with each key principle of the draft strategy. Levels of agreement are broadly similar across the 12 district, borough and city areas.



Targets & Ambitions

Around half of respondents felt that the targets and ambitions are about right. A further 28% of respondents would prefer more ambitious targets and ambitions.



- Prefer more ambitious targets
- About right
- Prefer less ambitious targets
- Prefer no targets
- Not sure

Net zero greenhouse gas emissions



We will contribute to reducing the county's greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050.

Waste reduction



We will halve the amount of residual waste produced per person by 2042.



We aim to reduce waste by 10% by 2030.



We aspire that Essex will be a zero waste county by 2055.

Recycling



We will reuse, recycle, or compost 65% of waste by 2035.



We aim to reuse, recycle or compost at least 70% of waste by 2030.

Waste disposal



We will send no more than 10% of waste to landfill by 2035.



We aim to send zero waste to landfill by 2030.

Collection Services



We will ensure that all Essex residents have access to separate food waste collections by 2026.

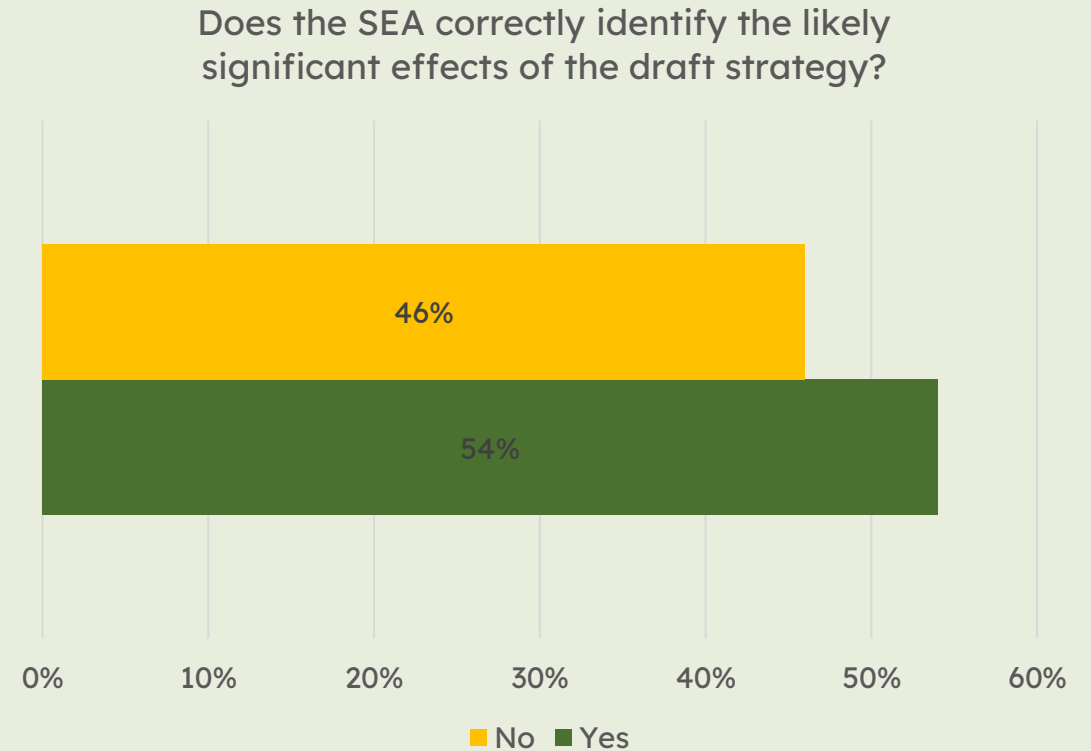


We will ensure that all Essex residents have access to comprehensive recycling services for plastic, paper and card, metal, glass, food and garden waste, by 2026.

The EWP will create plans, publish our progress and regularly review this strategy to ensure it is fit for purpose. The EWP will seek further involvement from residents throughout the life of this strategy.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 275 responses on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report
- A significant number of responses received from Basildon (70 responses), Braintree (32 responses) and Tendring (41).
- Statutory respondents indicate that the draft SEA is broadly acceptable
- Respondents are divided on whether the SEA is correctly identifying the likely significant effects of the draft strategy (Yes 54% / No 46%).
- Further exploration is needed on these results and the related comments from respondents





Emerging Insights

- Good level of agreement observed from all localities on key proposals.
- Agreement with the proposal to use Energy from Waste is high, but siting and environmental impact are areas of concern
- Reducing the use of landfill had high support
- Affordability of the strategy and the impact on council tax remain important to respondents
- The vision of a zero-waste county was misunderstood by many respondents
- A significant minority of respondents were unsure about Anaerobic Digestion
- Respondents want manufactures and retailers to take greater responsibility, and easy to use recycling services
- There was strong agreement to the principle of councils working in collaboration

Consultation consideration



Consultation response independently analysed and draft report published



Essex Waste Partnership councils working together to review and consider the consultation response bringing together quantitative and qualitative feedback



Identify and draft amendments required to the strategy and supporting documents



Amendments proposed to partnership members advisory board for consideration



Adoption decisions on a final version of the strategy taken by each partnership member authority individually

Partnership Adoption Approach

Proposing Summer 24 adoption

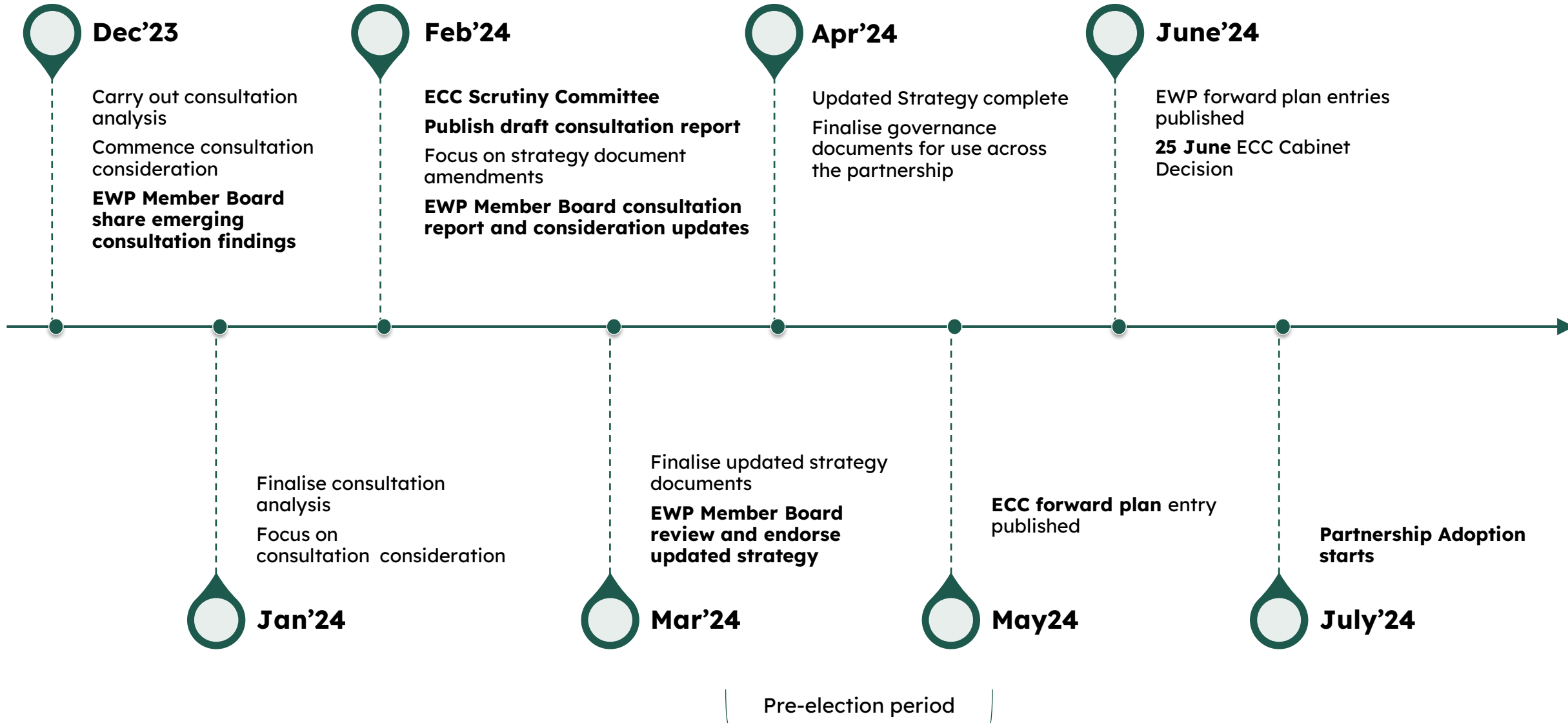
Proposing member authorities aligning adoption decisions

Support package to be developed:

- **Briefing or presentation pack**
- **Example cabinet paper**
- **Attendance at decision making forums**



Timeline



Discussion Points

Is there any further consultation information required by the committee?

When would committee next like to receive an update on the progress of the strategy work?

How does the committee want to be engaged during action planning?