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resilient recovery from COVID-19**

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Chair: Tamara Finkelstein Permanent Secretary, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Deborah Cadman Chief Executive, West Midlands Combined Authority

Liv Garfield Chief Executive, Severn Trent & CEO, Council for Sustainable Business

Emma Howard Boyd Chair, Environment Agency

Jeremy Pocklington Permanent Secretary, Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government

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As A Brilliant Civil Service what are we doing on our Greening Government Commitments?

What are they? The GGCs are a set of commitments which demonstrate government leadership in sustainability. **There will be a new set of targets in 2021**

Steps already taken across government have reduced:

greenhouse gas emissions by 46%,

waste by 40%,

water use by 10%, and

paper use by 59%.

We also recycle 65% of waste and only send 7% of waste to landfill.

Future targets being discussed include tree planting on the gov estate and increased e-conferencing.

As individuals we play a vital role in the decisions we make at work; particularly on travel and waste. **#CivilServiceLive**

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What you can do following this session?

- Help progress on the GGCs by thinking about personal travel and waste.
- Organise a screening and panel discussion around WWF/Netflix award winning 'Our Planet, Our Business' to inspire your colleagues.
25yearenvironmentplan@defra.gov.uk
- Sign up to your department's staff charter for sustainability or set one up if you don't have one. 25yearenvironmentplan@defra.gov.uk
- Join one of the Brilliant Civil Service environmental networks:
 - Your own department sustainability network
 - Defra established cross-government networks open to all staff
 - Collective for Climate Action, Climateconversation@defra.gov.uk
 - Network for Nature NetworkforNature@defra.gov.uk

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