

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00129

For publication Yes

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Approval to award a Contract for Receipt and Treatment of Metal Waste

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to approve the proposed decision to commission and award a contract for the receipt and processing of Metal waste for up to 5 years.

Reason(s) for decision:

Metal is received at Kent's Household Waste Recycling Centres. This material is taken for processing under temporary agreements. KCC must ensure a contractual provision is in place from 1st August 2021, to manage the disposal of this material. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, as the Waste Disposal Authority, KCC has a legal obligation to provide a waste disposal service. The temporary commissioning solution has enabled the Authority to discharge its statutory duty as Waste Disposal Authority until a formal contractual arrangement is in place.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being discussed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 19 January 2021.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

1. Do nothing – the current arrangements will continue; this is not an option as they are short term contingency only and best value would be secured from a competitively tendered contractual arrangement which would secure optimal income.
2. Discontinue accepting the metal waste at HWRCs; this is not an option due to KCC's obligation to take this waste as the Waste Disposal Authority.
3. Continue to accept the waste, but utilise alternative disposal options by using landfill; this is not an option as there is a desire to move this material up the waste hierarchy to meet landfill diversion targets and to achieve best value from an income contract.
4. **The recommended preferred option** - Undertake a commissioning activity to secure a Provider/s who is able to treat and utilise the waste material meeting the circular economy desired outcomes and is both financially and environmentally beneficial for the Authority.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date