

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00128

For publication Yes

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Approval to award a Contract for Receipt and Treatment of Paper and Card

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 paper and card for up to 5 years.

Reason(s) for decision:

Paper and Card is received at Kent's Waste Transfer Stations and at Household Waste Recycling Centres. This material is taken for treatment under agreements which come to an end 30th November 2021. KCC must ensure a contractual provision is in place from 1st December 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 one is a short term contingency for East Kent only and the other ceases in December 2021 with no extension provision; best value would be secured from a longer term contract providing for all of the County's Paper and Card processing needs.
 2. Discontinue accepting the Paper and Card waste from the Collection Authorities and 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 or incineration; this is not an option as there is a desire to move this material up the waste hierarchy and to meet landfill diversion targets and value for money principles.
- **The recommended preferred option.** The authority is seeking to appoint a new provider to secure a contract (for up to five years) that will benefit and achieve the best value for money outcomes for the authority and Kent households and fulfil the Statutory duty of KCC operating under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, to dispose of collected municipal waste.
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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

