

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00121

For publication Yes

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Approval to award a Contract for Receipt and Treatment of Highway Mechanical Arisings

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 highway mechanical arisings for up to 5 years.

Reason(s) for decision:

Highway mechanical arisings are received at Kent's Waste Transfer Stations. This material is taken for treatment under temporary agreements which come to an end 30th April 2021. KCC must ensure a contractual provision is in place from May 1st 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 was considered and endorsed 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 longer-term contract.
2. Discontinue accepting the HMA waste from the Collection Authorities; 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 to meet landfill diversion targets and value for money principles.
4. **The recommended preferred option** - Undertake a commissioning activity to secure a provider 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; the existing budget is £3.7m and new commission must fall with this funding envelope.

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

None



22.01.2021

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signed

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Date

Susan Carey