

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

22/00046

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Approval to award a Contract for environmental remediation works at North Farm Closed Landfill Site.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to approve the proposed decision and provide delegated authority to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste to award a Contract for environmental remediation works at North Farm Closed Landfill Site.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC has a statutory obligation under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to manage and maintain its closed landfill sites such that environmental harm does not occur. Management of the site has noted a number of environmental issues that need to be addressed through a package of remediation works in order to prevent harm from occurring.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

1. Do nothing. This is not considered to be a viable option, as there are environmental issues that need addressing. Doing nothing has the potential for harm to the environment or human health to be realised. In this instance, the site may then be officially classified as Contaminated Land and remediation costs imposed upon KCC.
2. Install GCL across the top of the site to minimise leachate generation and upgrade gas collection system which reduce levels of carbon dioxide and methane.
3. Install storage to attenuate leachate on site during heavy periods of rainfall and upgrade gas collection system.

The recommended Preferred Option is to progress with option 2 at a pre-tender cost estimate of £1-1m, of which a roll forward commitment of £1m will be available in 22/23. The tender process will be designed to drive value, bringing the cost as low as possible, additional funding is available from an established renewals reserve and the general aftercare budget to meet this environmental priority.

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

