KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY: Robert Thomas, Cabinet Member for Environment	DECISION NO: 24/00114

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: KCC Environment Policy revision

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to:

(i) APPROVE the revised Policy for adoption and implementation through the ISO14001 Environmental Management Standard framework; and

(ii) To DELEGATE authority to the Director of Environment and Circular Economy to take necessary actions including but not limited to entering into relevant contracts, or other legal agreements to implement this decision

Reason(s) for decision:
The purpose of the Council's Environment Policy is to make a clear public commitment to implement a programme of environmental improvement. This includes reducing the environmental impacts of the Council's operations and services, taking account of future climate risk when planning services and taking decisions and working with partners, businesses and communities to address KCC's and Kent's environmental issues and priorities. The current Policy was issued in September 2020. Since that time several environmental strategies and plans have been endorsed, these include the Environment Plan, the Adaptation Plan, Net Zero Plan, Framing Kent's Future, Kent's Plan Bee and Kent Plan Tree and therefore the current policy needs to be updated to align to these strategies.

The Policy is also a key requirement to meet the criteria of the ISO14001 International Standard for Environmental Management

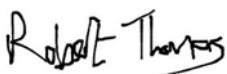**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**
The proposal was considered and endorsed by Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 14 January 2025..

Any alternatives considered and rejected:
 Do nothing - Retain existing policy which was last revised and published in September 2020.

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

None

Robert Thomas

24 January 2025

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