

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

DECISION NO:

16/00147

For publication

Key decision: YES

KCC Environment Policy redraft

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, I agree to:

1. The revised policy wording being adopted and published on the KCC website to replace the existing policy.
2. The designated officer working with all services in KCC to ensure the policy is implemented in practice and can be evidenced.

Governance:

The Executive Scheme of Delegation for Officers set out in Appendix 2 Part 4 of the Constitution (and the directorate schemes of sub-delegation made thereunder) provides the governance pathway for the implementation of this decision by officers as it assumes at 1.9 of the scheme that once a Member-level decision has been taken, the implementation of that decision will normally be delegated to officers, so that multiple Member decisions are not required in respect of the same matter.

In this instance, the Head of Sustainable Business & Communities (EPE) will be the lead officer seeking to ensure that all such steps as are necessary to implement the decision are undertaken.

Reason(s) for decision:

The current policy is out of date (issued May 2012) and not aligned with new Kent Environment Strategy

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Internal KCC consultation with staff who are delivering on the environmental agenda and general staff consultation

The proposal was considered by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2017 at which Members resolved to endorse the revised policy.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Remove the policy – this is a specific requirement of KCC's certification to ISO14001 (International Standard for Environmental Management) and would mean we lose this status held by full council since April 2009.

Leave current policy as is – out of date, does not reflect current Kent Environment Strategy or corporate priorities

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:
None


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signed

6th February 2017
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date

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