

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

### DECISION TAKEN BY

**Mike Whiting**

**Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste**

### DECISION NO:

19/00001

**For publication**

### **Key decision\***

Yes –

### **Subject:**

Policy to adopt charging for non-household waste materials at Household Waste Recycling Centres

### **Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste, I agree to introduce disposal charges for soil, rubble, hardcore and plasterboard at the KCC HWRCs, with charges and limits as follows:

- Soil, rubble and hardcore: £4 per bag (or part bag)/ item (a bag being up to the size of a standard black sack); (Appendix B)
- Plasterboard: £6 per bag (or part bag)/ sheet (a bag being up to the size of a standard black sack); and A daily limit on soil, rubble and hardcore, of a maximum of 5 bags/ items per day

### **Reason(s) for decision:**

The Kent Waste Disposal Strategy (2017-2035) was adopted in February 2017 and sets out the overarching ambition for KCC Waste Management. Analysis has shown that the current waste infrastructure will not cope with the expected levels of waste growth anticipated as a result of the forecast population increase. Before considering any potential funding for added infrastructure, officers are developing projects and policy changes designed to reduce demand on site, create revenue streams and create clearer intelligence that will enable stronger and more successful enforcement actions against individuals defrauding the Authority through illegal disposal of trade and commercial waste.

### **Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The issue was discussed by members of the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Following their input, on 6 September 2018, an 8-week consultation commenced, closing on 1 November 2018 to gain views from the public and stakeholders regarding introducing charging for the following streams of non-household waste at the KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres.

The matter was considered and endorsed by majority vote at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee meeting on 17 January.

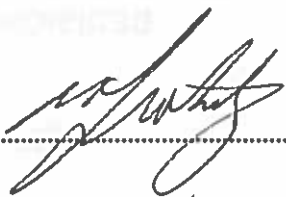
### **Any alternatives considered:**

Members and officers have looked at how other Councils across the country are approaching the future of HWRCs. It is clear that many have looked to save money by closing facilities, reducing opening hours, charging for some waste or not accepting various types of waste. KCC Members are clear they wish for the HWRC service, which is highly valued by residents, to be retained in Kent.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken, and any dispensation granted by the

Proper Officer:

None



signed

Name:

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