

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Miss Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for the Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00080

For publication**Key decision: YES**

- *Decision is a change to Council Policy and includes the commitment to deliver the proposed net-zero emissions target which will require expenditure in excess of £1million (a separate key decision being proposed at this time)*

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: KCC Environment Policy revision

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for the Environment, I agree to: Approve the revised Policy for adoption and implementation through the ISO14001 Environmental Management Standard framework; and Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment & Transport to take relevant actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

Formal adoption of a new Policy to be implemented by the Council formalising specific commitments to addressing environmental priorities and as a key criterion to continue to meet the International Standard for Environmental management ISO14001:2015.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

To approve the revised Policy to bring it in line with current environmental concerns.

In revising the Policy, key officers within KCC who lead on the environmental topics detailed within the policy have been consulted and provided the revised text proposed.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

1. Do nothing and continue environmental programme under the current Policy issued in March 2017. - the last iteration of this Policy was prior to several environmental topics coming to the fore globally ie the global threats due a Climate and Ecological Emergency, evidence of the significant health impacts associated with poor air quality, pollution of the natural environment and impacts on wildlife due to the prolific use of single-use plastics.
2. Withdraw the Environment Policy – this would put at risk the Council's long-standing certification to ISO14001:2015 .

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