

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Susan Carey

Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00090

For publication**Key decision***

Yes

Subject: Approval to award a new contractual arrangement for the Collection and Processing of Textiles and Shoes.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment I agree to provide delegated authority to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste to award a new four-year contractual arrangement (plus one year extension) for the collection and processing of textiles and shoes collected at the Household Waste Recycling Centres across the County to cover KCC's requirement as the Waste Disposal Authority.

Reason(s) for decision:

Textiles and Shoes are collected for processing at Kent's Household Waste Recycling Centres under a dual contractual arrangement with Cookstown Recycling Ltd and Biffa Municipal Ltd which come to an end October 31st, 2020. KCC will then have title to all the material from November 1st, 2020, therefore, must ensure a contractual provision is in place to manage the disposal of this material.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, as the Waste Disposal Authority, KCC has a legal obligation to provide a waste disposal service. The original commissioning solution enabled the Authority to discharge its statutory duty as Waste Disposal Authority.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 15 September 2020.

Any alternatives considered:

Option 1. Do nothing and be unable to take Textiles at HWRCs – not an option as KCC has Statutory Obligations as the Waste Disposal Authority to ensure that there are disposal facilities to take household waste within the County.

Option 2. Do nothing and continue to take Textiles at HWRCs – Textiles will be diverted to the residual waste stream and incinerated for energy with associated contingency disposal costs.

Option 3. The recommended preferred option – full commissioning activity with market engagement

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

None

Signed:



Date: 17 September 2020