

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough, Leader of the Council

DECISION NO:

2300123

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Extension of Waste Recycling Payments to Collection Authorities

Decision:

As Leader of the Council, I agree to:

APPROVE the existing agreements to make enabling payments to Gravesham, Swale, Maidstone & Ashford Borough provided by Kent County Council to support and maintain service improvements in levels of recycling limited to a maximum of two years;

DELEGATE to the Director for Environment and Circular Economy in consultation with the Leader to take other actions, including but not limited to entering into contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement the decision and

AGREE For the Director for Environment and Circular Economy to bring new policy arrangements to this Committee within two years, should new legislation be implemented as planned by DEFRA.

Reason(s) for decision:

To promote and support collection authorities to increase levels of kerbside recycling, to support improving environmental outcomes and reduce waste disposal costs

It is important to note that the proposed arrangements will be for up superseded to two years as there are expected fundamental legislative changes planned to be introduced as part of the Resources and Waste strategy which is integral to delivering the targets within the Environment Act. If new legislation is put in place during this time, the Director for Environment and Circular Economy will bring a new policy arrangement To Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being considered by members of Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 11 January 2024.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

- Not to renew the contracts. This does not support KCC objectives to promote and support collection authorities to increase levels of kerbside recycling, to support improving environmental outcomes, to meet resident expectation that also serve to reduce waste disposal costs.
- To extend the contracts by more than two years or to have an extension option. However it is expected these arrangements will be superseded by fundamental legislative changes planned to be introduced in 2025/26 as part of the Resources and Waste strategy which is integral to delivering the targets within the Environment Act 2021.

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