

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Wimble, Cabinet Member for (the Kent) Environment

## DECISION NO:

25/00052

## For publication

## Key decision: YES

**Subject Matter / Title of Decision:** Procurement for the receipt and processing of Organic Waste Contract Countywide CN260202

## Decision:

As Cabinet Member for (the Kent) Environment, I agree to:

- (i) APPROVE the procurement and contract award of an organic waste contract for an initial 5 years, (plus an extension of up to 5 years) commencing 1st April 2026;
- (ii) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Environment and Circular Economy to take relevant actions to facilitate the required procurement activity;
- (iii) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Environment and Circular Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to take relevant actions, including but not limited to, awarding, finalising the terms of and entering into the relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary, to implement the decision; and
- (iv) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Environment and Circular Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to award extensions of the contract in accordance with the relevant clauses within the contract.

## Reason(s) for decision:

KCC as the waste disposal authority for Kent has four contracts for the processing of organic waste received from Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and collected by Waste Collection Authorities in East, Mid and West Kent, which are due to expire 31st March 2026. This procurement is seeking to put in place countywide contractual arrangements from 1st April 2026.

## Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 17 July 2025

## Any alternatives considered and rejected:

**Option 1 - Do nothing** – the current arrangements will cease and KCC will be unable to accept the waste. This is not an option due to KCC's obligation to receive this material under waste legislation and dispose of it as per the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

**Option 2 - Continue to accept the waste but utilise alternative disposal options by using landfill or incineration.** This is not an option as there is a legal obligation to move material up the waste hierarchy where possible. In addition, KCC's recycling and landfill diversion targets would also not be met. Furthermore, to send this material to incineration would be extremely costly compared to the preferred option, with almost a threefold increase in gate fee.

**Option 3 - Extend for a further period.** This is not legally possible, as all organic contracts have been

extended within the parameters of the existing contracts. Contract end dates are now aligned giving the opportunity to produce economies of scale through a full county re-procurement.

**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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