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# **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**West and Mid Kent Dry Recyclables Processing  
Contract**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**



## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

### EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Directorate: Enterprise and Environment**

**Name of policy, procedure, project or service**

West and Mid Kent Dry Mixed Recycling Processing Contract

**Type**

This EQIA focuses on the implementation of a new Dry Mixed Recycling Processing Contract from July 2021 to July 2023 with an option to extend by 12 months to 2024.

**Responsible Owner/ Senior Officer**

Kay Groves, Waste Services Manager

**Date of Screenings:**

**A: Initial screening:** November 2020

**B: Interim screening:**

**C: Final screening:**

Version	Author	Date	Comment
1	Matt Feekings	23/11/2020	Initial Screening
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**EIA screening conducted at start of the procurement for a Dry Recycling treatment and processing Provider**

Characteristic	Could this policy, procedure, project or service affect this group differently from others in Kent? YES/NO	Could this policy, procedure, project or service promote equal opportunities for this group? YES/NO	Assessment of potential impact HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW/ NONE/UNKNOWN		Provide details: a) Is internal action required? If yes, why? b) Is further assessment required? If yes, why? c) Explain how good practice can promote equal opportunities
			Positive	Negative	
Age	No	No	NONE	NONE	As the appointment of a new Provider(s) to handle the Authorities Dry Recyclables is not a customer facing service, there will be no impact on the various Protected Characteristics. It is the responsibility of District Council's (as the Waste Collection Authorities) to ensure EQIAs have been completed for their kerbside collection services and appropriate action has been taken to provide an equitable service for customers with Protected Characteristics.
Disability	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.
Gender	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.
Gender identity	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.
Race	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.
Religion or belief	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.
Sexual orientation	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.
Pregnancy and maternity	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.
Marriage and civil partnership	No	No	NONE	NONE	As above.

## **Part 1: INITIAL SCREENING (date)**

### **Context**

Kent County Council is undertaking the procurement of a new Dry Mixed Recycling Processing Contract, commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 for a duration of 27 months to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023, (with an additional 12-month extension if required) to align with the cessation of an existing Dry Recycling contract that covers the remaining Waste Collection Authorities.

As a Waste Disposal Authority, the provision of such Waste disposal services is a statutory obligation under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The procurement of a new provider is needed because, as part of Kent County Council wider vision, one of our strategic outcome's states that 'Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life'. Moreover, the Supporting Outcome states that "Kent's physical and natural environment is protected, enhanced and enjoyed by residents and visitors"

Kent County Council's Waste management services will achieve this by managing Kent residents' kerbside dry mixed recycling in the most efficient and effective manner by using the waste hierarchy as a measure of how Kent is moving waste away from landfill and prioritising the material to use it for reuse, recycling or recovery where possible.

### **Aims and Objectives**

From 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Kent County Council will:

- Secure new Provider(s) for the receipt and processing of Dry Recyclate delivered to KCC's Transfer Stations by Collection Authorities in Mid and West Kent until 2023/24.

### **Beneficiaries**

- The intended beneficiaries are householders in Kent as recipients of the district council kerbside dry recyclate collection services.

### **Data**

- As the Waste Disposal Authority, Kent County Council is responsible for ensuring that all waste disposed of at the kerbside by householders is disposed of correctly in the most financially efficient way. The disposal of this waste is a 'back office' procedure, with all 'customer facing' elements of this process the responsibility of the Waste Collection Authorities.

### **Potential Impact**

- This Equality Impact Assessment is a screening to indicate potential areas of impact, both positive and negative, to the diverse population of Kent, which could result from the award of a new Contractor to process the Authority's waste arisings.
- There are no Protected Characteristics that will be impacted upon either positively or negatively.

