

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

**DECISION NO:**

21/00006

**For publication** Yes

**Key decision: YES**

**Subject Matter / Title of Decision**

**Approval to award a Contract for Receipt and Treatment of Dry Mixed Recycling**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to give approval to commission and award a contract for the receipt and processing of Dry Mixed Recycling for Mid and West Kent for up to 39 months.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Dry Mixed Recycling is received at Kent's Waste Transfer Stations. This material is taken for treatment under contractual agreements which come to an end 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. KCC must ensure a contractual provision is in place from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 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.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposed decision was considered and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 19 January 2021.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

1. Do nothing – the current arrangements will continue; this is not an option as the contract ceases on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July with all extension periods utilised.
2. Discontinue accepting the DMR waste from the Collection Authorities; this is not an option due to KCC's obligation to take this waste as the Waste Disposal Authority.
3. Continue to accept the waste but utilise alternative disposal options by using landfill or incineration; this is not an option as there is a desire to move this material up the waste hierarchy to meet landfill diversion targets and to achieve better value via a contractual arrangement with a contractor who specialises in managing DMR waste.
4. **The recommended preferred option** - Undertake a commissioning activity to secure a provider who is able to treat and utilise the waste material meeting the circular economy desired outcomes and is both financially and environmentally beneficial for the Authority.

**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