

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

23/00086

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision:

Processing of Dry Recyclables (Without Fibre) Contract (SC 21058)

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree

- a) to the award of a new contractual arrangement for the processing of dry recyclables for Dover District Council, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Thanet District Council, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, for a period of up to 48 months and
- b) to delegate authority to the Director for Environment and Circular Economy to take other relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of and entering into required contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

A key function of the Waste Disposal Authority operating under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, is to provide outlets for the processing of dry recyclables.

KCC is seeking to award a new contract for the treatment and disposal of circa 26,500 tonnes of dry recyclables (22/23), for up to a 48-month period with a 24-month break option. The contract will enable the Authority to discharge its statutory duty as a Waste Disposal Authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

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 14 September.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

- **Do nothing** – the current contracts will elapse, and recycling will be diverted to Allington Energy from Waste facility for incineration. This is not an option as KCC as the Waste Disposal Authority has a statutory obligation to use the waste hierarchy to process waste, where recycling is placed higher than energy recovery.
- **Discontinue accepting the dry recyclables at the Transfer Stations via the Collection Authorities** – 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.

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

None



Susan Carey

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signed

10/10/2023

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date