

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BETAKEN BY:**

**Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport**

**DECISION NO:**

16/00147

**For publication [**

**Key decision: YES**

**KCC Environment Policy redraft****Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, I agree to:

The revised policy wording being adopted and published on the KCC website to replace the existing policy.

The designated officer working with all services in KCC to ensure the policy is implemented in practice and can be evidenced.

**Governance:**

The Executive Scheme of Delegation for Officers set out in Appendix 2 Part 4 of the Constitution (and the directorate schemes of sub-delegation made thereunder) provides the governance pathway for the implementation of this decision by officers as it assumes at 1.9 of the scheme that once a Member-level decision has been taken, the implementation of that decision will normally be delegated to officers, so that multiple Member decisions are not required in respect of the same matter.

In this instance, the Head of Sustainable Business & Communities (EPE) will be the lead officer seeking to ensure that all such steps as are necessary to implement the decision are undertaken.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Current policy is out of date (issued May 2012) and not aligned with new Kent Environment Strategy

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

Internal KCC consultation with staff who are delivering on the environmental agenda and general staff consultation (via K-Mail request)

The matter will also be considered by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2017

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

Remove the policy – this is a specific requirement of KCC's certification to ISO14001 (International Standard for Environmental Management) and would mean we lose this status held by full council

since April 2009.

Leave current policy as is – out of date, does not reflect current Kent Environment Strategy or corporate priorities

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

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