

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

19/00091

For publication

Key decision*

Yes – impacts across all divisions

Subject: Household Waste Recycling Centre Enforcement Policy

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I am taking the decision to:

Introduce an Enforcement Policy to clearly identify procedures in relation to the delivery of environmental enforcement duties and powers relevant to Kent County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service.

The Enforcement Policy document will be published on www.kent.gov.uk and includes actions which can be taken to address the following issues which may occur at HWRCs:

- Trade waste
It is unlawful for trade/commercial waste to be deposited at KCC HWRCs
- Theft of materials
Where waste materials or equipment is removed without permission
- Fly-tipping
At the entrance of HWRCs
- Abuse of staff and other customers
Harassment, physical harm or verbal abuse by a site user
- Non-adherence to HWRC policy
Where site management policies and health and safety procedures are disregarded by a site user

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

1. The views of the KCC Waste Management Service
2. The Equality Impact Assessment
3. The views of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee

Reason(s) for decision:

Analysis has shown that the current waste infrastructure will not cope with the expected levels of waste growth anticipated as a result of the forecast population increase. Waste Management Officers are developing projects and policy changes designed to reduce demand on site and create clearer intelligence that will enable stronger and more successful enforcement actions against individuals defrauding the Authority, for example, through illegal disposal of trade and commercial waste.

KCC has several policies and procedures currently in place to combat abuse of the service. Clear and transparent enforcement of existing policies along with targeted communications will encourage responsible behaviours and avoid wrong-doing, as well as making financial savings and reducing

demand/capacity at the HWRCs. The introduction of this policy will aid enforcement procedures helping to protect the HWRC service, making sites more accessible for residents.

Introduction of this policy will support KCC and their contracted HWRC Providers in the effective delivery of HWRC waste enforcement practices.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal is being discussed by Members of Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 29 November 2019.

Any alternatives considered:

None

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

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date

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