

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

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Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00088

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Waste performance payments for Dover District Council & Folkestone and Hythe District Council

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I approve KCC entering into an Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) with DDC and F&HDC to make performance payments to increase levels of recycling and reduce disposal costs for KCC

Reason(s) for decision:

The existing East Kent Waste Partnership ends in January 2021. The proposed agreements will replace the fixed enabling payments that were in place, originally negotiated in 2009. Revised payments will be lower than the current fixed payments which are reflected in the MTFP for 2021/22, however, the opportunity to increase payments exists should Districts improve levels of recycling, which as a result, saves KCC disposal costs.

Partnership agreements and shared savings, have proved to be a very successful method to share the benefits and rewards of reducing residual waste. They are an active incentive and have driven higher levels of recycling and therefore positive environmental outcomes. They have already been implemented in West Kent at Gravesham, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, with recycling increasing by up to 8%.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 15 September 2020.

Any alternatives considered:

Continue with the existing fixed payments but these have not proved to incentivise Collection Authorities to achieve the targeted levels of recycling for which KCC has borne the commercial risk.

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

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