

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Susan Carey
Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

20/00091

For publication

Key decision*

Yes

Subject: Contractual arrangement for Waste compactor replacement programme and associated repair and maintenance servicing agreement.

Decision:

The Cabinet Member for Environment is asked to provide authority to the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport to approve the expenditure for the replacing of waste compactors, with a service and maintenance contract at Kent's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's).

Reason(s) for decision:

Waste compactors are required at Household Waste Recycling Centres to maximise capacity of waste being disposed of where the Final Disposal Outlets are not within the locality of the facility. The majority of KCC waste compactors are beyond their life expectancy with some being well over 30 years old. A replacement programme has been developed which has commenced with the most critical and urgent compactors being replaced where failure was imminent. The remainder requires a commissioning exercise alongside a repairs and maintenance schedule to ensure upkeep of the compactors.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

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

Any alternatives considered:

Option 1 – Do nothing and replace compactors with containers – this is not acceptable as payloads will diminish by 70% resulting in more cost to the Authority.

Option 2 – Repair compactors – this is not viable as extensive repairs have already been undertaken in recent years and the plant is now beyond economic repair with some having critically failed; also, the new HWRC contract is being let on the proviso that compactors will be renewed.

Option 3 – Undertake a commissioning exercise to complete the replacement programme with a repairs and maintenance service agreement for all compactors – this is the preferred option to ensure that the compactors on KCC sites are operating efficiently with minimal downtime

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

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