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## **Waste Regulations Technical, Environmental and Economic Practicability Test**

To: **Cabinet – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Main Portfolio Area: **Operational Services**

By: **Cllr Harrison, Cabinet Member for Operational Services**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All wards**

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**Summary:** **To set out the conclusions of the Technical, Environmental and Economic Practicability test carried out for recycling in Thanet under the Waste England and Wales Regulations 2011 (amended).**

### **For Decision**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 The Technical, Environmental and Economic Practicability (TEEP) test required to meet the requirements of the Waste England and Wales Regulations 2011 (amended) is attached at Annex 1. This follows work undertaken by Eunomia Ltd for the East Kent Waste Partnership, using joint funding provided by the Kent Resource Partnership. This assessment needed to be carried out by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, but has been affected significantly by a great degree of uncertainty at a national level about its application and the way this needs to be done. This uncertainty still exists and more useful guidance has only been produced within the last few months.

#### **2.0 Assessment**

2.1 The results of the assessment undertaken by Eunomia are set out in Annex 1 leading to the recommendations in Section 4 of this report.

#### **3.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **3.1 Financial**

3.1.1 The assessment concludes that the impact of moving to fully separated kerbside sorting of recyclate would not be economically practicable at this stage, even though this would pass the technical and environmental tests. This would need to be reviewed annually and at the end of the lifespan of the current collection vehicles, when these were being considered for replacement. However, the value of the recyclate and risks of the council managing this directly, together with the assessed cost of operating the kerbside sorting system, would still be issues.

##### **3.2 Legal**

3.2.1 The Council is obliged under the Waste Regulations to undertake regular TEEP assessments of its recycling system, especially when making key decisions about how this is undertaken.

### **3.3 Corporate**

3.3.1 Although there could be quality advantages in moving to a full kerbside sort of recycling material and this could be achieved technically, the financial implications both of the change, and the downstream costs would not be affordable at this stage.

### **3.4 Equity and Equalities**

3.4.1 The current system operated by the council places fewer demands on people with restricted mobility in terms of pre-sorting of recyclable material.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 That the current collection methodology be retained in Thanet for the present as full kerbside sorting is not economically feasible, but the system is reviewed when significant changes to the collection service are being proposed.

### **5.0 Decision Making Process**

5.1 This is a non-key decision which can be made by Cabinet.

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### **Annex List**

Annex 1	Waste Regulations Compliance Review
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### **Background Papers**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Where to Access Document</b>
TEEP Assessment undertaken by Eunomia Ltd on behalf of the East Kent Waste Partnership	Available from Gavin Waite, Head of Operational Services

### **Corporate Consultation Undertaken**

Finance	Matthew Sanham, Finance Manager (Service Support)
Legal	Steven Boyle, Legal Services Manager