

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Bob Bayford

Relevant Portfolio:

Environmental Services and Special Projects

Date of Decision:

02 March 2023

Subject:

Commercial Waste

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

No

Brief summary of matter:

Since its inception in 2018 we have been running a commercial waste service with the intention of providing local businesses with a fairly priced and flexible service. The original decision was predicated on introducing a new service, whilst using existing resources and generating surplus income to help support the budgets within Waste & Recycling.

The service is currently being subsidised by waste and recycling resources and the national HGV driver shortage has had a significant impact. There has been a 2 week suspension of garden waste that impacted some 12,500 residents as well as difficulty in fulfilling our missed collection recall commitment.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed that:

As per Option 1 at 4.1 in the cabinet report to cease offering the service from 31 May 2023 and provide two months notice to customers as per the terms and conditions, discontinue the Commercial Waste Service and charge customers at the 2022/23 rate until such time as the service is withdrawn.

Reasons for decision:

The initial ethos of the service no longer remains viable and is therefore impacting on the wider service provision.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

1. Option 1 - Cease offering the service from 31 May 2023 and provide two months notice to customers as per the terms and conditions, discontinue the Commercial Waste Service and charge customers at the 2022/23 rate until such time as the service is withdrawn;
2. Option 2 - Cease offering the service from 31 May 2023 and provide two months notice to customers as per the terms and conditions, discontinue the Commercial Waste Service and charge customers at the approved 2023/24 rate until such time

as the service is withdrawn;

3. Option 3 - Continue with the provision of the Commercial Waste Service.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

Author of Officer report:

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Background papers

Commercial Waste Cabinet Report 2_03_23 - Google Docs

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None

Last date for call in: 13 March 2023