
EAST KENT JOINT WASTE PROJECT

To: **Cabinet 17th June 2010**

Main Portfolio Area: **Environmental Services**

By: **Mark Seed Director of Environmental Services**

Classification: **Restricted**

Ward: **Not applicable**

Summary: **To seek approval to recommendations 6 and 7 under the East Kent Joint Waste Project agreed under the report to the East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee on 19th May 2010.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The attached report was considered at the East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee (EKJAC) on the 19th May and the recommendations agreed.
- 1.2 Recommendations 1 to 5 within the report were within the scope of EKJAC to approve, but recommendations 6 and 7 require specific approval by each of the constituent authorities.
- 1.3 On this basis it is proposed that recommendations 6 and 7 within the attached report are agreed by Cabinet.

2.0 Details

- 2.1 The attached report provides the relevant financial and operational details that are relevant to recommendations 6 and 7, together with an extended discussion about the implications of the revised proposals.
- 2.2 These details are primarily set out in Section 2 together with Appendices 1, 2 and 4 of the attached report.
- 2.3 In relation to recommendations 6 this reflects a change to the way that savings within the proposals are distributed between partners within the joint waste project. The reasoning behind this is set out in paragraph 2.11 of the attached report but basically indicates that net disposal savings once the enabling and other payments to the districts are met will be retained by KCC. Savings generated from collections will be retained by districts.
- 2.4 In relation to recommendation 7 this is also covered in paragraph 2.11 and aims to provide an incentive to districts to increase levels of diversion of waste away from landfill or the Allington waste to energy plant. This provides districts with a 50% of the savings generated from this additional waste diversion shared out on the basis of population.
- 2.5 It is perhaps appropriate to emphasise the benefits of the joint waste proposals that arise from the previous agreement and amendments in the attached report:
 - Save £2.96m in annual costs. An increase of £276k over earlier projections

- Extend the provision of wheeled bins for recycling but with the additional costs being covered by extra project savings
- Allow the extension of a wide range of recycling opportunities to as many properties as possible in East Kent
- Provide a dedicated food waste collection to approaching 100% of properties
- Improve recycling rates across the area
- Enable those authorities that chose to do so to charge for green waste collection
- Gaining agreement to collect waste using the same method across East Kent with enhanced recycling performance and roll out to the maximum number of households at no extra cost
- Annual enabling payments to districts to compensate for lost income and increased costs are guaranteed to 2020 and containerisation costs are accommodated
- Risks of market fluctuations in recycle values and future landfill tax rises and tonnage risks are borne by KCC
- Additional collection savings generated by service and contractual efficiencies are to be retained by Districts
- A financial reward system for districts will be in place to recognise improved waste diversion over and above that anticipated by the model

3.0 Options

3.1 These are discussed under sections 5 and 6 of the attached report.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 The overall financial implications of the proposals are discussed under section 2 of the attached report

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 There are no additional legal implications that arise from the recommendations in this report.

4.3 Corporate

4.3.1 These are set out in sections 6 and 7 of the attached report.

4.4 Equity and Equalities

4.4.1 The proposals set out in the attached report extend the provision of recycling facilities to more households that agreed in the original proposals.

5.0 Recommendation(s)

5.1 That recommendations 6 and 7 set out in the attached report are approved by Cabinet.

6.0 Decision Making Process

6.1 Recommendations 6 and 7 in the attached report can be approved by Cabinet as they do not fall outside the current budgetary and policy framework.

Meeting: Cabinet	Date: 17 th June 2010
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Annex List

Annex 1	East Kent Joint Waste Project report to EKJAC 19 th May 2010
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	Not Applicable

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Sue McGonigal 18/5/10
Legal	Harvey Patterson 18/5/10