KENT RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT: REFRESHING THE KENT JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Direct and Trading Advisory Committee - 13 March 2018

Report of Richard Wilson

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Status For consideration

Key Decision No

This report supports the Key Aim of green environment and sustainable economy.

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Recommendation to Direct and Trading Advisory Committee:

Members of the Committee to provide feedback on the refreshing of the Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy consultation document, to help inform the Council's response.

Introduction and Background

- Attached is the draft consultation paper prepared by the Kent Resource Partnership (KRP) for the refreshing of the Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (KJMWMS). Comments are to be submitted by 27 April 2018.
- The KJMWMS was last refreshed in 2013/14. Since then the landscape of resource and waste management has evolved with a greater appreciation on the value and quality of materials collected and disposed of. The KRP therefore feels it timely to refresh the current strategy up to 2020/21.

Current Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

The objectives and policies of the current strategy are detailed on pages 9-10 of the consultation paper. 4 County Headline Targets and Actual Performance

Target	Actual Performance
Recycle/compost 45% of waste - By 2015/16	44.1% (SDC 31.9%)
No more than 10% to landfill - By 2015/16	6.52% (SDC 35%)
Recycle/compost 50% of waste - By 2020/21	49.4% (2 nd quarter 2017/18) (SDC 41.2%)
No more than 5% to landfill - By 2020/21	2.8% (2016/17) (SDC 1.9%)

Draft Refresh Strategy

- The attached document is the draft consultation document. The final document has yet to be published at the time of writing but will be circulated in advance of the meeting.
- 6 Headline areas for consideration by Members are:
 - The overarching Vision.
 - The strategy mission statement
 - The Policies and Policy objectives
 - (i) Maximising the value of resources:-
 - Is the target of recycling/composting 50% of waste by 2020/21 ambitious enough. Bearing in mind this is the current strategy target and performance on this as at the 2nd guarter of 2017/18 is 49.4%
 - Should targets be based on individual materials, glass, paper, card, plastic, metal, aluminium, textiles, food, garden waste etc and should emphasis be more on the quality of recyclate rather than just quantity (weight).
 - Is the target of landfilling no more than 5% of waste by 2020/21 ambitious enough bearing in mind 2016/17 performance is already at 2.8% and quarter 2 2017/18 is down to 1.8%.
 - (ii) Value for money for Kent Taxpayers.
 - (iii) Engagement, collaboration and partnership working.
 - (iv) Future thinking.

KRP - Materials End Destination Publication 2016/17

- Attached to the report is the KRP materials end destination publication for 2016/17, for information. Of particular interest for the Sevenoaks District (Pages 28-29) are the figures showing.
- 8 38.3% of waste recycled or composted
 - 59.8% of waste used to generate electricity
 - 1.9% of waste to landfill
 - 69.3% of resource destination in Kent
 - 23.1% of resource destination in other UK
 - 7.6% of resource destination abroad

Key Implications

Financial

None

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

None

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Appendices

Appendix A KRP - Consultation document: Refreshing the Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Appendix B KRP - Materials end destination

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