

**FORMAL RESPONSE FROM THE CABINET FOLLOWING MATTERS REFERRED
BY THE SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE AND/OR REQUESTS FROM
THE PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Members' Task Group for Recycling – Swanley Materials Recovery Facility (Cabinet
23.06.11)**

The Cabinet had regard to the minutes of the Members' Task Group for Recycling which took place on 11 April 2011 and the recommendation from the Services Select Committee on 13 April 2011 that the cabinet be asked to raise the issues and potential benefits of using the Ideal Waste Company Materials Recovery Facility in Swanley with the Kent Waste Partnership.

The Head of Environmental and Operational Services advised the Cabinet that he and the Portfolio Holder for the Cleaner and Greener Environment had attended a meeting of the Kent Waste Partnership earlier in the day and that the Partnership was aware of the issue. The Ideal Waste Company MRF at Swanley was more modern and efficient than the Allington MRF but Kent County Council (KCC), the responsible authority, had a contractual obligation to Allington to supply a certain minimum tonnage of waste material for recycling. However it had been agreed with KCC that Sevenoaks could send its clear sack recycling from the Swanley round to the Ideal MRF for a trial period. The Head of Environmental and Operational Services made it clear that disposal of household waste, and the costs of disposal, was a KCC issue.

The Cabinet thanked both the Members Task Group for Recycling and Services Select Committee for raising this matter, noted that the ability to send clear sack recycling to Swanley would reduce the percentage of rejected material but recognised that KCC had a contractual obligation with Allington which would have to be observed.