
URGENT DECISIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Friday, 12 August 2022 from 12.00 - 12.08 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mike Baldock (Chair), Monique Bonney (Vice-Chair), Richard Darby, Mike Henderson (substitute for Councillor Ben J Martin), Kent Ingleton (substitute for Councillor Alan Horton), David Simmons and Roger Truelove.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Martyn Cassell, Lisa Fillery and Jo Millard.

OFFICERS PRESENT (Virtually): Billy Attaway and David Clifford.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Steve Davey, Pete Neal and Julian Saunders.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (Virtually): Councillors Cameron Beart and Elliott Jayes.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Horton and Ben J Martin.

241 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

242 **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

243 **Waste and Street Cleansing Contract Extension**

The Head of Environment and Leisure gave an outline of the vehicle availability issue that had arisen during the stages of the tender process for the new Waste and Street Cleansing Contract, originally due to start in October 2023. He said that all three members of the Mid-Kent Waste Partnership, Ashford, Maidstone and Swale Borough Council, had discussed the options available to address the supply issue and at the Extraordinary Environment Committee held earlier that day, Members had agreed to extend the term of the current contract by 5 months to March 2024 in order that the vehicle supply issues could be met.

The Head of Environment and Leisure said that as a result of the extension of the contract, it would be necessary for the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to be amended as set out in the recommendations.

In response to a question from a Member, the Director of Resources clarified that the costs were additional costs to the 2023/24 budget and it was a commitment to spend in future years.

Resolved:

(1) That the provisions for the additional waste and street cleansing contract extension will be included in the revised 2023/24 Medium Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendix I.

(2) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee to revise the assumptions in the MTFP further should this be necessary to secure the contract extension.

244 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

There was no discussion on the exempt Appendix and it was not necessary to exclude the press and public.

Chair

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