

Environment Committee	
Meeting Date	30 June 2022
Report Title	Member appointment to the Kent Resource Partnership
EMT Lead	David Clifford
Head of Service	Head of Policy, Governance and Customer Services
Lead Officer	Jo Millard – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Classification	Open
Recommendations	The committee is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine which members (there are two places) should be appointed to the Kent Resource Partnership. 2. Appoint those members Kent Resource Partnership.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the environment committee to agree the council's member representation for the municipal year 2022/23 on the Kent Resource Partnership. Previously only one member had been appointed, but the council has been advised that there are two places for Swale Borough Councillors.

2 Background

- 2.1 A joint arrangement is one in which the council collaborates with other local authorities or agencies to provide services in partnership. Member appointments to the boards or committees exercising political control over such arrangements are distinct from nominations to outside bodies, in which members are asked to take on the role of directors or trustees of separate organisations, generally with a fiduciary duty to those organisations and not as representatives of the council.
- 2.2 In respect of joint arrangements, members are appointed to boards or committees with the express intention that they will represent Swale's interests on those boards or committees. Under the executive model, member appointments to boards, committees or steering groups covering joint arrangements were made by cabinet or by the executive leader.
- 2.3 This was logical inasmuch as joint arrangements generally cover services which were previously executive matters. Moving to the committee system, it is appropriate that these appointments are made by the service committee within whose remit the service in question falls. This is supported by Part 2.6 of the new constitution, which specifies two joint arrangements and the service committees charged with making appointments to them, including the Kent Resource Partnership and the Environment Committee.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The Kent Resource Partnership is a partnership between the 12 district councils and Kent County Council. The District Councils collect domestic waste and recycling and KCC dispose of the materials. The partnership looks at how improvements can be made to waste management in Kent and their priority is the ongoing delivery of the Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.
- 3.2 The committee is now **recommended** to determine who should be appointed for the municipal year 2022/23.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 The governance mechanisms for the joint arrangements require members to be appointed to these roles, so there are no alternative options.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 This is a routine appointment to existing arrangements, so no consultation has been undertaken or is proposed beyond asking group leaders for their nominations.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The joint arrangements contribute to corporate plan Priority 2: Investing in our environment and responding positively to global challenges, and specifically to objective 2.5, 'Ensure that the borough is kept clean, that recycling remains a focus, and that the council acts as an exemplar environmental steward, making space for nature wherever possible.
Financial, Resource and Property	One of the reasons for the existence of the joint arrangements is to provide necessary services more efficiently and hence produce savings for the councils. There are no specific financial implications in the appointment of members to the governance bodies.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	The joint arrangements are established in contracts or other agreements between the partner councils, which include provision for members to be appointed to governance bodies.
Crime and Disorder	No implications identified at this stage.

Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	The work of the KRP is focussed on reducing waste and recycling more which will have direct impact on improving the environment and increasing sustainability.
Health and Wellbeing	No implications identified at this stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	No implications identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	No implications identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	No implications identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	No implications identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Political group nominations to the KRP – to follow

8 Background Papers

8.1 [Link to information on KCC website about the Kent Resource Partnership.](#)