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90% of Kent's Recycling and Waste for 2014/15 Processed within the UK

Latest findings from the Kent Resource Partnership's (KRP) End Destinations Publication for 2014/15 has confirmed that around 90% of its discarded household resources had been reprocessed within the UK, with nearly three-quarters of all tonnage staying within Kent. This left just 10% of Kent's discarded household tonnage to be sent abroad by waste companies, with the majority being reprocessed within Europe.

The publication also positively highlights that the Partnership have surpassed its own recycling/composting target of 45% a whole year ahead of schedule. Combined with improved recycling performance, diversion of household waste from landfill continues to be a major priority too. The Partnership also achieved the biggest single-year reduction since the production of their End Destinations reports since 2011/12; a significant cut of 7 percentage points. The 2014/15 landfill for the KRP was recorded at around 11% and places the Partnership within striking distance of their collective objective of sending no more than 10% of Kent's discarded materials to landfill by 2015/16.

Cllr Rory Love, Kent Resource Partnership Chairman said, *'2014/15 is the fourth year for which this Partnership of all of Kent's Councils has compiled data on the end destinations of household recycling and waste. Our motivation is that openness and transparency with our residents is the surest way to gain and retain their confidence in our high-achieving, recycling and waste resource services across Kent.'*

Ray Georgeson, Chief Executive at Resource Association said, *'The KRP continues to lead the way with its transparent approach in informing residents on what happens to their resources as well as where it eventually end up. We applaud KRP's efforts and continued support with this particular agenda and encourage other local authorities and businesses to adopt a similar approach through the Charter.'*

Full details of the KRP's End Destination's Publication can be found [here](#).

Councils and businesses operating in the recycling sector who wish to support the End Destinations of Recycling Charter can find further details and support the Charter [here](#).

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Editors Notes

1. The KRP is the unique, multi-award winning waste resource partnership including all 12 of Kent's district/borough councils and Kent County Council. For reference all 13 councils are listed in alphabetical order:- Ashford Borough Council, Canterbury City Council, Dartford Borough Council, Dover District Council, Gravesham Borough Council, Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council, Sevenoaks District Council, Shepway District Council, Swale Borough Council, Thanet District Council, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
2. The KRP (as the Kent Waste Partnership) was formed in 2007 in order to deliver the Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (KJMWMS) required of all two-tier areas in the Waste & Emissions Trading Act 2003.
3. The KJMWMS can be found [here](#).
4. The KRP's End Destinations Publications from 2011/12 up to 2014/15 can be found [here](#).
5. The Resource Associations is a trade body for the reprocessing and recycling industries. Its mission is to support the development of sustainable and health industry by providing a voice, forum and leadership for the materials reprocessing and recycling industries, as well as related environmental and social interest.
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