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Paul Vanston to go from Kent to Cambridgeshire

After ten years in Kent, and eight years as the KRP Manager, Paul Vanston is leaving the Kent Resource Partnership in February 2016. He has accepted the post of Head of Waste Resources of the joint recycling/waste services of South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council. The employing authority is South Cambridgeshire DC. Paul's start date is 15th February 2016.

Paul Vanston said, *'I have had a terrific decade in Kent working with fantastic councillors and colleagues across all 13 Kent councils. Partnership working has delivered higher performance at better cost to taxpayers. The great news is the KRP has the potential to do so much more. For my successor, the KRP will be an opportunity to make their own mark on how the future looks on behalf of 1.6 million residents generating some 700,000 tonnes of resources a year.'*

Speaking about his new role for South Cambridgeshire DC and Cambridge City Council, **Paul said**, *'These two Cambridgeshire councils are definitely going places. Along with Kent, they are setting a great example in joining-up services in the most challenging of financial climates. It's my privilege to be asked to join them and lead the new shared service.'*

Cllr Rory Love, KRP Chairman and Cabinet Member on Shepway District Council said, *'Paul has been a driving force behind the multi-award winning Kent Resource Partnership. He has delivered the ambitions of all of Kent's councils to make the unique Kent Resource Partnership one of the most respected waste partnerships in the country. Paul will be a huge asset for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire, but above all, I have no doubt he will remain a fantastic ambassador for public services, and specifically for local government, with all our partners in recycling and waste across many sectors.'*

Cllr Mick Martin, Environmental Services Portfolio Holder for South Cambridgeshire DC, and Cllr Peter Roberts, Executive Councillor for Environment and Waste for Cambridge City Council said, *'We are really excited to have Paul lead the fledgling shared waste service. Paul brings a great deal of experience and strategic knowledge, and we believe he is the right person to help our service evolve over the coming years. Combined, Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, represent one of the largest areas of future employment and housing growth in the UK, so it only makes sense for both councils to work together with tested and dynamic public servants, like Paul, at the helm.'*

Richard Wilson, Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services at Sevenoaks DC and elected chair of the KRP Officers Advisory Group said, *'We all wish Paul every success in his new role. We feel sure he'll deliver as effectively in Cambridgeshire as he has for us in Kent. In the meantime, I'm delighted the KRP Members Board unanimously authorised officers to take forward the search for Paul's successor. As Sevenoaks DC is the host authority for the KRP staff, I'll be leading the recruitment process and issuing details shortly with a view to interviewing short-listed candidates in the New Year.'*

Editors Notes

1. The Kent Resource Partnership comprises Kent County Council and the twelve districts councils in Kent, these being: Ashford Borough Council; Canterbury City Council; Dartford Borough Council; Dover District Council; Gravesham Borough Council; Maidstone Borough Council; Sevenoaks District Council; Shepway District Council; Swale Borough Council; Thanet District Council; Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council; and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
2. The 'award winning' references include Dover and Shepway District Councils winning the iESE National Award 2015 for 'Transformation in Waste'; and the same award in 2014 won by the Mid Kent Councils of Ashford, Maidstone and Swale Borough Councils.

The KRP won the Packaging News Editor's Award in 2013 for its leadership on the national 'Fresher for Longer' campaign, which is now an integral part of WRAP's Love Food Hate Waste programme.