

# Kent Resource Partnership

**JOINT STATEMENT: EMBARGOED TO 1PM, FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2013**

## **Joint statement on the Kent Resource Partnership's Direction**

The change of name from Kent Waste Partnership to Kent Resource Partnership was announced at the Annual Conference on 21 June 2013. Following that announcement **Councillor Paul Barrington-King**, KRP Chairman and portfolio holders from all 13 Kent councils make this joint statement.

The change of name to the Kent Resource Partnership symbolises our intent to focus on making the most of the valuable resources the 13 Kent councils receive from our residents. More than that, however, it is a statement of our belief the KRP can work with others in the public and private sectors who are like-minded about the need to drive the resource agenda forward. Not everyone may be 'with us' in mind or action. But those who are will see a Kent Resource Partnership that looks forward, walks forward, and progresses to better results together than we could achieve on our own.

The name change must have resonance right across our strategic thinking, our contracts with the private sector, how we work between the 13 councils, and our relationships with partner sectors. Through the work of the former KWP we know we have a good reputation based on effective relationships and delivery of results. We also know the KRP has a responsibility to represent the very best of local government to our audiences whether to government, our supply chain and, via the 13 councils, to our public.

Our desire to move forward on becoming an 'Advanced Resource Partnership' is a co-operative ideal between the KRP and others. As was clearly outlined in the recent LGA 'Wealth from Waste' report, local government can produce, and does produce, examples of excellence. We believe our industry as a whole is well placed to deliver economic growth, and we believe there's a desire among many to do it.

Thus, to these ends, it is our personal joint endeavour to support national efforts to move away from the 20<sup>th</sup> century ways of doing things. This includes a future where landfill can become a distant memory for the majority of people as having a major role in tackling high proportions of discarded household materials.

Our joint belief is the oft-spoken phrase 'waste as a resource' must go beyond an interesting philosophical national debate to being a state of mind, and organisational culture, that guides strategic decisions, our services, and measures of our success.

This joint statement is supported by the councillors listed overleaf, whom are representatives of all 13 Kent councils.

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## **Kent Resource Partnership: Councillors supporting the Joint Statement**

**Cllr Paul Barrington-King**, Kent Resource Partnership Chairman;  
and Cabinet Member for Sustainability, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

**Cllr Jessamy Blanford**, Portfolio Holder for Culture and the Environment  
Ashford Borough Council

**Cllr Rosemary Doyle**, Executive Member for the Environment  
Canterbury City Council

**Cllr Tony Martin**, Deputy Leader, Strategic Council Finances & Strategic Service Provision  
Dartford Borough Council

**Cllr Nick Kenton**, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning  
Dover District Council

**Cllr Andrea Webb**, Lead Member, Community Services  
Gravesham Borough Council

**Cllr David Brazier**, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment  
Kent County Council

**Cllr Matthew Balfour**, Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment  
Kent County Council

**Cllr Marion Ring**, Cabinet Member for Environment  
Maidstone Borough Council

**Cllr Ian Bosley**, Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment  
Sevenoaks District Council

**Cllr Avril Hunter**, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment  
Sevenoaks District Council

**Cllr Tony Searles**, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Local Planning and Environment  
Sevenoaks District Council

**Cllr Rory Love**, Cabinet Member for the Environment  
Shepway District Council

**Cllr David Simmons**, Cabinet Member for Environmental and Rural Affairs  
Swale Borough Council

**Cllr Alan Poole**, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Operational Services  
Thanet District Council

**Cllr Owen Baldock**, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services  
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council