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“Under 3% Landfilled” reveals Kent’s ‘new look’ Annual Report unveiled at its conference.

Today (22 September) at the Kent Resource Partnership (KRP) Annual Conference in Canterbury, Councillor Rory Love, Chairman unveiled the Partnership’s ‘new look’ Annual Report. Over 100 delegates from across the resource industry were given a first opportunity to read the report, which reflected on a whole host of activities delivered by the Partnership in 2016/17.

Key headlines from the report include provisional performance data for 2016/17 which showed over 46% of Kent’s discarded household material was sent for recycling and composting, nearly 51% sent to generate energy and less than 3% sent to landfill. While official data is expected to be available later this year from Defra, this represented steady progress compared to the previous year. The total costs across the 13 Kent councils when delivering its recycling & waste services to 1.5 million residents was just under £98million – an average cost of £155 per Kent household, per year or equivalent to an average cost of £2.99 per Kent household, per week. An additional £16million was invested in keeping Kent’s streets clean.

Activities for 2016/17 saw the KRP successfully deliver:-

- a food recycling campaign (underpinned by WRAP’s Recycle Now communications);
- numerous anti-litter initiatives (which included piggybacking on the ‘Great British Spring Clean’ national campaign previously led by Keep Britain Tidy);
- the first steps towards an intelligence-led approach to tackling fly-tipping & enviro-crime;
- a 3rd phase health & safety programme to over 35 officers across the KRP (which included working in partnership with Dr David Thomas of Greenwich University to deliver the Institution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH) four day workshop programme and Alan Plom of the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) to deliver one-day workshop focussed on safe working along highways and verges);
- its Materials End Destinations Publication for 2015/16; and
- continue its engagement with various key organisations/memberships across the resources sector such as:- LARAC, NAWDO, WRAP’s Courtauld 2025, WRAP’s National Communications Advisory Panel (NCAPO, Resource Association and RECOUP.

Cllr Rory Love, Kent Resource Partnership Chairman said, ‘Our new look Annual Reports will help us in three ways: Firstly they will enable us to track our own performance and activities against our Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (KJMWMS). Secondly, they will provide transparency to

Kent residents on the effective joint working being carried out across Kent. And thirdly, they will help keep our key partners informed across the resource and waste industry.'

Full details of the KRP's Annual Report for 2016/17 can be found [here](#).

After receiving the Annual Report, delegates at the conference heard from leading speakers including:- Robert Vaughan, Head of Household Waste & Recycling for Defra; Linda Crichton, Head of Resource Management for WRAP; Martin Kersh, Executive Director for Foodservice Packaging Association (FPA); Professor Margaret Bates, President of the CIWM; Ray Georgeson, Chief Executive for Resource Association and Paul Vanston, CEO for INCPEN. Key speakers shared their thoughts on the circular economy, waste reduction, and resource efficiency, and examined the implications for the industry, and for local authorities.

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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 latest version of the KJMWMS can be found [here](#).
4. The KRP's Annual Report 2016/17 can be found [here](#). (also sent separately with this news release)
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