

## County Council – 17 December 2021

### Item 13(a) – Notice of Motion on Food Waste Collection

#### Amendment by Cllr Condie

This Council welcomes the new duty in the Environment Act 2021 for local authorities to collect and process food waste separately from other waste. This mandate, if implemented within an appropriate overall collection and disposal system, will reduce overall emissions and is crucial in our fight to keep within the Climate Change 1.5 degree target.

This measure also benefits household budgets. Evidence from areas that already have separate food waste collections shows that many residents change their purchasing and cooking habits when they see how much they throw away. This saves them money as well as avoiding the carbon and water resource impacts of producing and transporting food which would have previously been wasted.

We acknowledge the good partnership working arrangements with our district and boroughs with Arun District Council already running a '123' trial and Mid Sussex District Council considering a similar trial in the spring.

As such, this council calls on the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change to:

- (1) Urge the Government to clarify the 'implement by' date as soon as possible and to fully fund the transition costs for both the collection and disposal authorities, as well as additional on-going costs due to these new burdens; ~~and~~
- (2) Ask the Government to ensure that councils who wish to introduce the measures ahead of the mandated timeframe do not lose out on funding so that the county can see these emission reductions and household benefits without unnecessary delay; **and**
- (3) ***Subject to the two above points being satisfactorily resolved, to introduce food waste collection and processing as soon as practically possible in conjunction with district and borough Councils.***