

# Environment and Climate Change

## Variation of the Materials Resource Management Contract

Under section 45A of the Environment Act 2021 and the Government's Simpler Recycling policy, waste collection authorities (WCAs) will be required to collect food waste separately at the kerbside. Under earlier legislation, it falls to the County Council as Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) to arrange for the disposal of the "controlled waste" collected in its area by the WCAs.

The Government has now confirmed food waste will need to be collected separately from household waste across England by March 2026 and separately from small, medium and large non-household waste producers by March 2025.

In March 2022, the [Cabinet approved](#) -

1. The variation of the existing Materials Resource Management Contract (MRMC) and the appropriate associated capital investment by the County Council to allow its waste disposal services under the MRMC to accommodate these legislative changes.
2. The commencement of procurement of a contract for the disposal of refuse derived fuel until 2035 with a possible extension of that contract until 2040.

The decision delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) to agree, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change and the Directors of Finance and Legal Services, the necessary variation of the MRMC.

The Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) will be asked to vary the MRMC to allow for the government mandated changes to food waste collection.

<b>Decision by</b>	Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) (Wayne Lewis)
<b>Date added</b>	16 January 2024
<b>Month</b>	February 2024
<b>Consultation/ Representations</b>	No consultees currently identified Representations concerning this proposed decision can be made to the decision maker via the report author.
<b>Background documents</b> (via website)	None
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