

## Dover District Council and environmental partner reduce carbon emissions

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**A decrease of 7.5% in carbon emissions has been achieved in Dover, Kent as part of the new environmental services contract with **Veolia**.**

The company's commitment to supporting Dover District Council to achieve their objective of Carbon Net Zero by 2030 has made a positive start. The carbon footprint of electricity, gas and fuel consumed by Dover's recycling, waste and street cleansing operations has dropped by 7.5% when comparing 2022 to 2020. Specifically, consumption was reduced by 10.5% for electricity, 10.2% for gas and 7.5% for fuel.

The company has been providing waste and recycling collections, food waste, and street cleaning in the Folkestone & Hythe and Dover areas since 2011 and was awarded an eight-year contract in January 2021. Since the start of the new contract, Veolia has implemented a number of carbon reduction initiatives. This has included launching a new green fleet of vehicles and electric sweepers, and redesigned collection routes to minimise travel times. Other measures include smart LED lighting, vehicles with new electric bin lifts and an anti-idling campaign.

It will continue to drive ecological transformation through its operations in Dover by minimising fuel use and finding new and innovative approaches to reducing emissions such as behaviour change initiatives and energy efficiencies.

Veolia general manager – municipal South East David Fitzgerald said: “These positive results demonstrate Veolia's commitment to supporting our partner Dover District Council in achieving net zero carbon emissions. The carbon footprint reduction will have a positive impact on the environment as well as local communities and we will continue to invest in methods and technologies that create a better and more

sustainable future for all.”

DDC cabinet member for environment councillor Nicholas Kenton, said: “We are very pleased that Veolia’s decarbonisation measures, which this council stipulated as part of the contract, seem to be paying off. We are fully committed to our net zero carbon emissions target and it’s great news that Veolia is supporting us in this way.”