Overview of Recommendations

Recommendation	Objectives	Impact on Residents
Subscription based service for garden waste collection replaces existing arrangements	 Reduced health and safety risk of service More sustainable service Reduction in complaints about suitability of bags to collect garden waste 	 Residents no longer able to use compostable sacks for collection of garden waste Residents required to subscribe to service for 12 months
Developers and new occupiers to be responsible for ensuring property has correct containers for waste and recycling	 Reduce cost of providing wheeled bins to new developments Discourage residents from taking bins with them when they move Ensure most suitable containers are provided to new properties 	New occupiers will need to ensure the previous occupier leaves bins at property or will be responsible for replacing them
Saturday freighter service continues to be monitored and opportunities for diverting more waste for reuse and recycling are explored	 Reduce the amount of waste sent for disposal Bring service in line with objectives of Maidstone's Waste Strategy 	No immediate impact
Recycling sites are reviewed following expansion of kerbside recycling collections and reduced in line with usage	 Provide efficient, cost effective service Meets needs of local community 	 Residents will be able to recycle an increasing number of items from home using their green bin and therefore are less likely to continue to use the recycling sites as much
Work starts with residents on a weekly black sack collection for refuse to identify opportunities to provide a weekly food waste collection and a fortnightly refuse collection	 Provide a more efficient cost effective service Meet the needs of the local community Increase recycling Reduce waste 	 Residents on a black sack collection will retain this collection unless they have enough space for a food waste bin and to store black sacks for a fortnight and chose to change to this collection arrangement