

6 February 2020**Agenda Item:7****REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM JOINT WASTE LOCAL PLAN –
PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ISSUES AND OPTIONS DOCUMENT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Committee approval for an initial period of public consultation on the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Waste Local Plan through the publication of an Issues and Options consultation document.

Information

2. As a waste planning authority, the County Council has a statutory duty to maintain an up to date Waste Local Plan which provides planning policies which will help shape future waste development and provide the basis for decisions on planning applications. The Plan is to be prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council as has been the case previously.
3. The most recently adopted Plan (the Waste Core Strategy) was adopted in December 2013 and was prepared under previous Government guidance. This plan is not fundamentally out of date but does not contain site specific allocations or development management policies. It was previously intended that these should be prepared as a separate planning document, but it is current practice to prepare a single Local Plan covering strategic and more detailed policies. Following a review by both Councils in 2017 it was agreed that a single Local Plan will be prepared. The new joint plan will look ahead to 2038 and will contain:
 - strategic policies to cover provision of facilities for managing waste
 - guidance on appropriate locations for future development
 - policies for the determination of individual planning applications
4. Members of the Committee will be aware of the significant public interest and awareness which has developed in recent years with regard to waste prevention and recovery, particularly in terms of the impact of plastic waste on the global environment and this Plan will show how the County and City Councils will seek to make provision for increased levels of waste recycling and recovery activities in support of a “circular economy” approach which regards waste as a resource for commercial benefit, rather than something which is disposed of in the ground.
5. A public consultation on Issues and Options for the Plan is the first required stage in preparing the Joint Plan. Along with publication of a Monitoring Report and Preliminary Waste Needs Assessment, it will provide opportunity for a public consultation on the content of the Plan and to invite feedback on potential growth of waste in the City and County and the types of facilities

needed in the future. These will assist in the production of the policies and proposals for the Draft Plan.

6. The Issues and Options Consultation document proposed for publication is attached as an Appendix to this report. It sets out for discussion and comment the waste provision Issues expected to arise during the plan period, explores what reasonable Options might exist to resolve them and invites feedback on the approach.
7. It is important to stress that the document does not make specific planning policies or proposals at this stage. It is essentially inviting people to consider what kind of policies and proposals should be in the next version of the Waste Local Plan and making sure the right Issues are covered and that all Options have been considered as the new plan is prepared. It is produced specifically to enable community and stakeholder involvement in the preparation of the Plan as required by Local Plan regulations.
8. The document includes specific questions to assist and focus responses. Respondents can however make any comments they consider relevant to the waste plan process. Responses can be made using an online consultation system or in writing.
9. National guidance requires a minimum six-week period for the Issues and Options consultation and it is proposed to begin the consultation on 27 February and close on 9 April 2020.
10. In advance of the Committee meeting, consultees have been notified that subject to approval from Committee, the Issues and Options consultation will be taking place. All District / Borough Councils, Parish Councils and adjoining Waste Planning Authorities have also been informed.
11. Consultation will be carried out on the Issues and Options documents in line with the County and City Council Statements of Community Involvement.
12. In order that awareness of the consultation reaches as wide an audience as possible, Members are asked to approve the carrying out of appropriate publicity for the proposed consultation stage.

Next Steps

13. If Committee approve the Issues and Options document for consultation it will be published to allow a period of public consultation. The proposed consultation period will run for a period between 27 February and 6 April 2020.
14. Once the Issues and Options consultation has been completed, the feedback received will be analysed and where relevant the comments received will influence the preparation of a Draft version of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Waste Local Plan.
15. A Draft version of the Joint Waste Local Plan is currently expected to be published in Autumn 2020 for a further period of public consultation to enable community and stakeholder involvement in the Plan before it is finalised and published for formal representations. The Plan is expected to be published and subject to independent examination in 2021.

Other Options Considered

16. None. Preparation of the Waste Local Plan is a statutory requirement.

Reason for Recommendation

17. To seek approval to undertake a period of consultation on the Local Plan Issues and Options document. Production of a Waste Local Plan is a statutory requirement.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these Issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the Committee approves:

- 1) The publication of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Waste Local Plan Issues and Options for a period of public consultation from 27 February - 9 April 2020.
- 2) That appropriate publicity for the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Waste Local Plan Issues and Options consultation be undertaken;
- 3) Authority to be given to the Group Manager Planning in consultation with the Chair / Vice Chair of the Committee to make any further minor drafting changes required prior to consultation.

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Constitutional Comments (SDS 17/01/2020)

19.

Financial Comments (SES 08/01/2020)

20. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

APPENDIX 1

Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Waste Local Plan

Issues and Options Consultation Document