

27 September 2012**Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, PLANNING****MINERALS LOCAL PLAN PROJECT WORKING GROUP****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Committee approval for the setting up of a cross party Members project group to assist in preparation of the Minerals Local Plan.

Information and Advice

2. At their meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on the 13th September, Members approved the revised Nottinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme 2012 which sets out the County Council's programme for the preparation of Development Plan Documents during the period 2012-2016. For the Minerals Local Plan this sets out the major milestones in the plan preparation such as the Preferred Approach Consultation and Submission Draft Consultation, these stages will require Committee approval beforehand.
3. The Issues and Options Consultation for the Minerals Local Plan was carried out earlier this year and officers are using the responses, along with other background material to develop the Options, leading to a Preferred Approach Consultation in March 2013. Early Member input into this process is important and it is proposed to set up a cross party Members project group to do this. This would enable the development of ideas on the Minerals Local Plan to be explored in round table sessions prior to detailed work being undertaken and evidence collected.
4. The cross party working group would comprise the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee plus a representative from each of the Minority Groups and would meet as required.

Other Options Considered

5. Not to set up a working group.

Reason for Recommendation

6. It is a statutory requirement for the Council to have an up to date Minerals Local Plan in place which will require appropriate Member approval. The establishment of a project group will enable early Member input into the process.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

8. The contents of this report are duly noted; there are no direct financial implications arising.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

9. The production of the Minerals Local Plan is a statutory function of the County Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Committee approve the setting up of a cross party Member project group and invite representatives.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 18/09/2012)

10. Environment and Sustainability Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (DJK 14.09.12)

11. The financial comments are contained within the report.

Background Papers

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.

Nottinghamshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2012-2016

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.