

4th September 2014**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE SERVICES****WASTE LOCAL PLAN PROJECT 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 Waste Local Plan (Part 2): Site Specific and Development Management Policies.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council has a statutory duty to prepare a Waste Local Plan which provides vision and a framework which will help shape future waste development over the next 15 to 20 years.
3. Environment and Sustainability Committee on 20th June 2013 agreed the Terms of Reference for both the Waste and Minerals Project Groups (Appendix 1).
4. The purpose of a Project Group is to provide a forum for member/officer discussion on issues arising from the preparation of the Waste Local Plan. The aim is to help inform and 'steer' officers in the preparation of this planning document particularly in relation to potential future site allocations.
5. It is proposed that the Project Group is made up of three members from the majority group and three members from other groups with representations from across the County's geographical area.
6. As the Waste Local Plan (Part 2): Site Specific and Development Management Policies will be prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council it will be necessary for one Member from the City Council to also be involved in the Project Group.
7. The group will consider the implications of emerging strategies and Plans and policies arising out of the preparation of the relevant planning documents, the approach used and outcomes of public consultation responses.
8. The group will have no decision making powers, any views and suggestions from the group will be reported to Environment and Sustainability Committee to inform the decisions of that Committee. Any decision making powers remain with the Committee.

9. The cross party working group would comprise the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee, a representative from each of the Minority Parties and a representative from Nottingham City Council and would meet as required.

Other Options Considered

10. The only other option would be not to set up a Waste Local Plan Project Group but this could lead to delays in the plan preparation process.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. It is a statutory requirement for the Council to have an up to date Waste 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

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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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.

None

Constitutional Comments (SLB 20/06/14)

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

Financial Comments (SEM 19/06/14)

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

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

Member/Officer Working Groups - Minerals and Waste

Terms of Reference

Purpose of each Group:

The purpose of each group is to provide a forum for member/officer discussion on issues arising from the preparation of the Minerals Local Plan and Waste Development Framework. The aim is to help inform and 'steer' officers in the preparation of these planning documents.

Make up of Group:

Members: The two groups will be chaired by the Nottinghamshire Committee Member for Environment and Sustainability and be made up of three members from the majority group and three members from other groups with representations from across the County's geographical area.

Officers: Officers involved in the preparation or management of the relevant planning documents. For the Waste Development Framework, this may also include officers from the City Council.

Remit of Group:

The two groups will consider the implications of emerging strategies and Plans and policies arising out of the preparation of the relevant planning documents, the approach used and outcomes of public consultation responses. The groups will have no decision making powers, any views and suggestions from the group will be reported to Environment and Sustainability Committee to inform the decisions of that Committee.

Records of meetings:

The meetings will be held in private, but a public record will be kept.

Confidentiality:

The groups will not have access to or discuss any matters of commercial sensitivity or other information provided by third parties to officers in confidence. (Reasons: Whilst the new development plan system focuses on openness and transparency, there may be occasions where the Industry or other parties will wish to discuss matters in strict confidence with officers prior to submitting formal representations or other comments in public as part of any on-going consultation).

Frequency of Meetings:

Meetings will be held as necessary and where practical in advance of any public consultation exercise and Member decision making stage to aid preparation of the relevant planning documents and guide consultation.