



2nd April 2015

Agenda Item: 6

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN –
ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2013/14**

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform committee of the progress on the development of the new Minerals and Waste Local Plans, and performance of the existing policies as set out in the latest Annual Monitoring Report. The Annual Monitoring report covers the period 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014.

Information and Advice

2. All local authorities are required to undertake regular monitoring as part of preparing their Local Plans. This includes looking at progress with preparing their various Local Plans, and any supporting documents, and assessing how well the policies in existing plans are working.
3. The County Council has a statutory function to prepare Local Plans covering minerals and waste. This Annual Monitoring Report for the Minerals and Waste Local Plans covers the period 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014 with some updates to December 2014 where applicable. The 2015 Annual Monitoring Report is attached in Appendix 1.

Key findings

Progress with the Minerals and Waste Local Plans

4. The Council has separate adopted Local Plans for minerals and waste in place but is in the process of reviewing and updating these. The timetable for doing this is set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.
5. There has been significant progress with both the minerals and waste Local Plans over the monitoring period.
6. In line with the National Planning Policy Framework, a single new Minerals Local Plan is being prepared to replace the existing Plan which was adopted in 2005. Consultation on the Minerals Local Plan – Preferred Approach took place in

October 2013 with further, specific, consultations on sand and gravel provision undertaken during 2014. Consequently the estimated date for adoption of the Minerals Local Plan has been put back to 2016.

7. Work to replace the existing Waste Local Plan, adopted in 2002, began under the previous planning system which favoured a 'portfolio' of different documents known as the Local Development Framework. The existing Waste Local Plan is therefore being replaced in two parts which will together make the final Replacement Waste Local Plan.
8. The first part, known as the Waste Core Strategy, was adopted in December 2013. Work is now underway to prepare the second part, to be known as the Sites and Development Management Policies document. Consultation on this document will be carried out during 2015. Adoption is anticipated in 2017.
9. As previously, work on the Waste Local Plan documents is being carried out jointly with Nottingham City Council and will also be monitored within Nottingham City Council's annual monitoring reports.

Minerals policy performance

10. Current policies within the Minerals Local Plan adopted in December 2005 were prepared under the previous planning system but remain broadly up to date. Allocations made within the existing Plan have all come forward with the exception of a sand and gravel site at Gunthorpe.
11. As at December 2013, the landbank of permitted sand and gravel reserves was 6.7 years, slightly below the recommended 7 year minimum. Planning permission has subsequently been granted for an extension to an existing site at Finningley and an application to extend East Leake is currently being considered.
12. For other building and construction minerals the silica sand landbank is now well above the minimum landbank requirement as a result of the Two Oaks Farm quarry in Ashfield being granted permission. Permitted brick clay reserves for Kirton clay pit remain relatively low; however the granting of permission for a recent eastern extension to Dorket Head clay pit has significantly increased its landbank of permitted reserves.
13. Coal Bed Methane exploration has been undertaken at one previously permitted site however no further development has taken place. Planning permission was granted for a surface coal mine at Shortwood Farm near Cossall subject to the signing of a legal agreement.

Waste policy performance

14. Current policies are those within the Waste Core Strategy (adopted December 2013) and the remaining saved policies from the Waste Local Plan (adopted in January 2002). A new suite of national planning policy and guidance for waste was published during 2013 and 2014 including a new National Waste

Management Plan for England, Waste Prevention Programme for England, and a new National Planning Policy for Waste to replace Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS10). There are no significant changes to existing policy and it is therefore considered that the Waste Core Strategy remains an up to date in the light of this new policy and guidance.

15. At both national and local level there has been a slight increase in the amount of municipal (local authority collected) waste produced. Assumptions on the level of other wastes produced are unchanged from the previous monitoring report as there is no more recent survey data available.
16. Overall recycling rates for municipal waste have slowed significantly in line with regional and national trends although Nottinghamshire's current rate of 44.6% is above the national average of almost 43%. There is no more recent local data for other wastes but national surveys suggest that approximately 52% of commercial and industrial waste is recycled and almost 90% of construction and demolition waste is either re-used or recycled.
17. The Waste Core Strategy has an ambitious, but non-statutory, target to achieve 70% recycling or composting of all waste by 2025, with interim targets of 50% by 2015, and 60% by 2020.
18. The amount of municipal, commercial, and industrial waste sent for landfill disposal within the County continues to decline but there has been a progressive increase in the amount of inert construction and demolition waste sent to landfill since 2011.
19. Approximately 135,000 tonnes of additional recycling and transfer capacity was permitted during the monitoring period along with approximately 1 million tonnes of further ash disposal capacity at an existing site adjacent to Cotham Power Station.
20. Although strictly outside this monitoring period, the recent closure of two non-hazardous landfill sites at Dorket Head (Arnold) and Carton Forest (Worksop) has resulted in a substantial loss of permitted disposal capacity and now leaves only two non-hazardous landfill sites near Newark and Retford.

Other Options Considered

21. There are not considered to be any alternative options as the Council is required to undertake annual monitoring.

Reason for Recommendation

22. To note the content of the Nottinghamshire Minerals and Waste Development Plan – Annual Monitoring Report 2013/14.

Financial implications

23. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

24. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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.

RECOMMENDATION/s

25. That Committee note the content of the 2014 Nottinghamshire Minerals and Waste Development Plan – Annual Monitoring Report 2013/2014.

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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.

Constitutional Comments

26. As this report is for noting only constitutional comments are not required.

Financial Comments

27. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

APPENDIX 1