

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM REPLACEMENT WASTE LOCAL  
PLAN – ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2015/16****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform committee of the progress on the preparation of the new Waste Local Plan and the performance of the existing policies as set out in the latest Annual Monitoring Report. The Annual Monitoring Report covers the period 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016.

**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 and to carry out regular monitoring. The Annual Monitoring Report for the Replacement Waste Local Plan is attached at Appendix 1. A separate report for minerals was considered by Environment and Sustainability Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Key findings**Waste Local Plan - progress

4. The existing Waste Local Plan was adopted in 2002. In accordance with Government guidance at the time preparation commenced, the existing Plan is being replaced in two parts. Part one of the replacement Waste Local Plan, known as the Waste Core Strategy, was adopted in December 2013. As previously this work has been carried out jointly with Nottingham City Council.
5. The scope and timetable for further work on the second part of the replacement Plan is currently under review as part of updating the Council's Local Development Scheme. This will be reported separately to the September meeting of this Committee. Until such time as both parts of the replacement Plan are in place, a number of existing policies have been saved.

## Waste policy performance

6. 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). These remain in line with national policy as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Policy for Waste with the exception of saved Waste Local Plan Policy W3.17 on Green Belt. National policy requires a more stringent test for waste management facilities which must form part of any planning decisions affecting Green Belt.

### *Waste arisings and management methods*

7. At both national and local level there has been a slight increase in the amount of municipal (local authority collected) waste produced. This is the fourth consecutive increase in municipal waste arisings since 2012/13 but this annual tonnage still remains within the plan forecasts.
8. Assumptions on the amounts of commercial and industrial, and construction and demolition waste, produced within Nottinghamshire are unchanged from the previous monitoring report as there is no more recent survey data available. However, in practice, it is considered likely that tonnages may have increased in line with economic recovery but this will only be confirmed when new survey data becomes available. For this reason there is not considered to be a need to revise the Waste Core Strategy estimates unless more reliable new data becomes available.
9. 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. Recycling rates for municipal waste (local authority collected waste) have slowed in recent years and the 2015/16 figure for Nottinghamshire of 42.83% shows a further slight fall compared to the previous monitoring period based on the audited data published by Defra. However, this remains above the national average of 39.5% for the same period.
10. There is no more recent local data available for other wastes but national surveys suggest that, on average, approximately 52% of commercial and industrial waste is recycled and almost 90% of construction and demolition waste is either re-used, recycled or recovered for use in site engineering and restoration.
11. Recovery rates for municipal waste have increased compared to previous years with 46% of Nottinghamshire's municipal waste now utilised to produce energy. There is no comparable data available for other waste streams.
12. The total amount of non-hazardous waste (i.e. municipal, commercial, and industrial waste) disposed of at landfill sites within Nottinghamshire has increased annually since 2012. However, this may include waste which originated outside Nottinghamshire and Nottingham (e.g. from Derbyshire or Leicestershire). There has also been a progressive increase in the amount of inert construction and demolition waste sent to landfill since 2011. In contrast, very little of Nottinghamshire's own municipal waste is now disposed of to landfill.

### *Waste management capacity within the Plan area*

13. Approximately 250,000 tonnes of additional recycling, recovery and transfer capacity was permitted within Nottinghamshire during the monitoring period. A further 45,000 tonnes of treatment capacity was permitted by Nottingham City Council during the same period. Total permitted treatment capacity within the combined Plan area is currently estimated at just under four million tonnes per annum. Of this total permitted tonnage, approximately three million tonnes of treatment capacity is currently operational. A large proportion of the non-operational capacity is accounted for by permissions for energy recovery facilities which have not yet been implemented.
14. Remaining disposal capacity within the County for non-hazardous (municipal, commercial and industrial) waste remains severely limited. There is no disposal capacity within Nottingham City. The closure of the previously moth-balled site at Carton Forest (Worksop) and the ten year pause in operations at Dorket Head (Arnold) has resulted in a substantial loss of permitted disposal capacity. The recently announced closure of the Daneshill Landfill site near Retford (outside of the current monitoring period) now leaves only one non-hazardous landfill site situated near Newark.
15. Inert disposal capacity remains concentrated largely within a single site at Vale Road, Mansfield. Planning permission was granted during the monitoring period to increase the capacity at this site by a further 2 million cubic metres or 3.7 million tonnes. Maintaining appropriate disposal capacity is therefore a key issue for the Sites and Development Managements Policies document which is currently being prepared.

### Conclusions

16. The key findings of the 2015/16 Annual Monitoring Report indicate that the majority of policy monitoring indicators and targets have been met, or are on course to be met. The saved Waste Local Plan policies remain broadly in line with national policy and the timetable and scope for replacing these policies is currently under review. An update will be provided to the September Committee meeting.

### **Other Options Considered**

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

### **Reason for Recommendation**

18. To note the content of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan – Annual Monitoring Report 2015/16.

### **Financial implications**

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

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

20. 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**

21. That Committee note the content of the Replacement Waste Local Plan - Annual Monitoring Report 2015/2016.

22. That Members consider whether there are any other actions they require in relation to the issues contained within the report - reports on the preparation of the Waste Local Plan will be brought to Committee in due course.

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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**

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

## **Financial Comments (SES 28/06/17)**

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

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All