

Meeting **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

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Report

JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose of Report

- 1 To update the Committee on the progress of the preparation of the Joint Waste Development Plan and current waste management proposals.

Background

- 2 An informal consultation on the Issues and Options took place in late 2006. (See item to 30th March 2007 Joint Committee) The Issues and Options was intended to underpin a broad strategy that set out future waste management needs; what types of new facilities would be required and where in broad terms these should be located. Individual sites were not proposed as this was to be the role of a separate site specific document to follow the Core Strategy. Since then the Government has revised the system and introduced new guidance. One fundamental change is that Core Strategies should where possible allocate strategic sites and be the place where key decisions are made. For Waste Core Strategies it is likely that a separate site specific document is no longer necessary.
- 3 As a consequence of these revisions, both Councils are now assessing the feasibility of allocating strategic facilities in the Waste Core Strategy. This has involved gathering detailed site specific evidence which has inevitably delayed progress. It is now expected that a further round of public consultation on issues and options exploring possible strategic sites will take place in December 2008/January 2009. The results of this exercise will then help decide on preferred options, leading to the submission of a draft Core Strategy to Government possibly in late 2009.
- 4 Details of a new timetable will be set out in a new development scheme which will be submitted to Government in the New Year following approval by the relevant Executive Body of each Authority.

Current major waste management proposals

- 5 Eastcroft Incinerator – a public inquiry in to the non determination of the application by the City Council for a third line, which would increase capacity by 100,000 tonnes pa, has just closed. The Secretary of State has indicated that she will make the decision on the application rather than the Inspector, and this is expected to be in February 2009.
- 6 Rufford Energy Recovery Facility through the Incineration of Waste – a planning application was submitted to the County Council in November 2007. Re-consultation is now being carried out on further information received and it is anticipated that the application will be considered by the County Council's Planning and Licensing Committee within six months.
- 7 Bentinck Landfill Proposal – a planning application to create a new landfill site that will reclaim the old colliery tip and former opencast coal workings was submitted to the County Council in October 2006. This is within the Waste Local Plan. The application will be also considered by the County Council's Planning and Licensing Committee within six months

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED members of the Committee note the contents of the report.

Background Papers

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