



REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

JOINT WASTE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the Committee of the statutory duties of the County Council in relation to the production of a Waste Local Plan and to update the Committee on the progress of the Joint Waste Local Plan.

Information

2. The County Council is a planning authority for mineral and waste developments across Nottinghamshire and is statutorily required to maintain up to date Minerals and Waste Local Plans which provide the basis for decisions on planning applications. The Waste Local Plan is prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council. The adopted Joint Waste Core Strategy (2013) is now dated and in 2017 a decision was made to prepare a replacement Joint Waste Local Plan. Given the County Council's priority to revise the Minerals Local Plan, it was decided to postpone development of the Joint Waste Plan until 2019/20.

Progress with the Joint Waste Local Plan

3. The two Councils commenced work on the Joint Local Plan in 2019. The consultation on the Waste Issues and Options for the Joint Plan (including a "call for sites") took place between 29 February and 7 May 2020. (extended by a month in light of the COVID-19 outbreak)
4. The consultation exercise generated 270 representations on the Waste Issues and Options document and nine potential waste management sites were put forward for consideration as part of the Call for Sites. The representations received are being assessed and will inform the next stage of the Joint Waste Local Plan.
5. In summary, the key issues arising from the Issues and Options were of general support for the approach taken with many suggesting that the overall vision for the plan be strengthened. Support was given for the timeframe of the plan and the proposed waste scenarios. The sites proposed during the Call for Sites will be assessed in due course and the results will be fed into the next stage of the Draft Joint Waste Local Plan.
6. In March 2021 AECOM was commissioned to carry out a Waste Needs Assessment (WNA) on behalf of both councils. This is a technical assessment to assess the likely future levels of waste being produced in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham, the proportions of recycling recovery and residual waste to be expected by 2038 and to assess the capacity or otherwise

for waste management facilities in light of future changes to waste flows. AECOM have now completed this work. The conclusions from the study indicate that

- For local authority collected waste and commercial/industrial waste there is surplus capacity provided by the recycling/composting facilities in the plan area. The capacity available for energy recovery and landfill sites is insufficient now and declines even further until the end of the plan period.
 - For construction, demolition and excavation waste, the capacity for recycling/composting/recovery remains at a surplus during the plan period. The capacity available for landfill sites starts off as a large surplus in 2019, but declines as the void space in the landfill sites is used up.
 - It is predicted that 42,896 tonnes of hazardous waste will be generated within the plan area in 2038. Although there is sufficient capacity within the plan area to manage hazardous waste arisings (196,234 tpa capacity), the responsibility to provide infrastructure to manage hazardous waste is a national requirement and does not form part of the WPAs role.
 - Only a small amount of agricultural and mining waste was generated by the plan area over the past 10 years (respectively less than 1.5% and 0.5% of the total waste arisings), and is considered insufficient to justify the identification of specific future waste management capacity for the agricultural and mining waste streams within the plan area. There are similarly low levels of radio-active waste produced in the area and facilities for treatment are managed at the national level.
 - the plan area imported more waste than was exported over the years 2010 to 2019.
7. The Draft Joint Waste Local Plan is now being prepared which is intended will be consulted on in Autumn 2021. A further report will be brought to this Committee in October 2021 seeking approval for the Draft Plan to be published for comment. A Joint Councillor Working Group has been formed with Nottingham City Council for the purposes of briefing members of both Councils on the emerging Plan and two members need to be nominated by the Committee to join this Working Group
8. Following consultation on the Draft Plan stage and after considering the feedback received, the Joint Waste Local Plan will be revised as necessary and then finalised. It is intended that it will be published for formal representations during the latter part of 2022 before being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. It is currently expected the Plan will be adopted by the middle of 2023.

Other Options Considered

9. None – the County Council has a statutory responsibility to prepare an up to date Waste Local Plan.

Reason for Recommendations

10. To brief the Committee on progress with the Joint Waste Local Plan and enable the Committee to nominate two Councillors to join a Joint Councillor Working Group with Councillors from Nottingham City Council.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee:

- 1) notes the progress on the preparation of the Joint Waste Local Plan;
- 2) nominates two Councillors to serve on a Joint Councillor Working Group;
- 3) indicates whether there are any further actions they wish to take following consideration of this report.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 24/06/2021)

12. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Environmental Committee to whom responsibility for the preparation of the Waste Local Plan.

Financial Comments [RWK 24/06/2021]

13. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from 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.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All