

13 September 2012

Agenda Item:5

REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, PLANNING

MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2012

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Committee approval for the revised Nottinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme (MWDS), which is to be sent to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

Information and Advice

2. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2008 requires the County Council to produce a MWDS. The MWDS does not form part of the Development Plan, its purpose is to set out the timetable and resources for preparing new development plan documents that will make up the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
3. MWDS sets out the County Council's programme for the preparation of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) during the period 2012-2016. This revised MWDS will replace the current MWDS which was approved by the County Council in June 2008.
4. The MWDS has two key objectives:
 - To inform the public and stakeholders of the Council's commitment to producing documents that will make up the development framework for minerals and waste in Nottinghamshire and the programme for their preparation; and
 - To reflect the County Councils priorities in terms of producing documents for both the Waste Core Strategy and the Minerals Local plan.
5. The County Council will review the MWDS and progress will be reported annually through Annual Monitoring Reports (AMRs).

The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme Timetable

6. The new development plan will comprise of several separate minerals and waste documents as detailed in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Minerals and Waste Documents to be produced

Minerals Local Plan		
Document	Date for submission	Date for adoption
Minerals Local Plan	March 2014	October 2014
Minerals Site Allocations document	August 2015	March 2016
Waste Development Plan		
Waste Core Strategy	December 2012	July 2013
Waste Development Management Policies	July 2014	May 2015
Waste Site Allocations Document	April 2015	November 2015

7. The new revised timetable takes into account the recent changes as a result of the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012.
8. A full detailed timetable for all minerals and waste development plan documents to be produced is contained in Appendix B of the draft Scheme (attached).

Joint Working

9. The new waste development plan documents will be prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council, as was the case with the local plan. The County Council will take the lead role and financial resources will be split proportionately according to the population. The County Council will therefore contribute 72% of the costs; and the City Council 28%.
10. There are no significant mineral issues within the Nottingham City boundary and therefore Nottingham City Council will not be involved in the preparation of the new Minerals Local Plan. If the City Council receive any planning applications for minerals development, they will be determined against the policies set out in the most up to date version of the Nottingham City Local Plan.

Other Options Considered

11. None. It is a statutory requirement for the Council to have up to date Minerals and Waste Development Plans in place.

Reason for Recommendation

12. To provide clarity for Members, Officers, members of the public, developers and other interested parties on the timetable for the production of the Minerals Local Plan and a Waste Core Strategy in order for the County Council to meet its statutory functions as a Minerals and Waste Planning Authority.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

Financial Implications

14. There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report, with the work being undertaken by existing resources. Costs will be incurred subsequently as part of the Examination of the Plan by the independent inspector, and a reserve of £325,000 for such Examinations is available accordingly.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

15. If the MWDS is not approved the minerals and waste development plans may not be produced in a timely manner and the County Council will not meet its statutory function as a Minerals and Waste planning authority.

RECOMMENDATION

1) That Committee approve the revised Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB.28.08.12)

Committee have power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (MA 22.08.12)

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

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.