

14th February 2013**Agenda Item: 12****REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER, PLANNING****UPDATE ON THE SUBMISSION OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND
NOTTINGHAM WASTE CORE STRATEGY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update to Committee on the formal submission of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for Examination.

Information and Advice

2. Preparation of the Waste Core Strategy has gone through three informal consultation stages on Issues and Options (2006), Further Issues and Options (2010) and the Preferred Approach (2011). The Draft Waste Core Strategy (Proposed Submission Document) was then published for a formal period of public representations between 5 March and 30 April 2012. This 'publication' stage coincided with the introduction of the new National Planning Policy Framework and the Councils subsequently prepared a Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Waste Core Strategy which took account of both the representations received and significant national policy changes. A further 6 week period for formal representations on these changes finished on 12th November 2012.
3. Approval was obtained from Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils in December to submit the draft Waste Core Strategy to the Secretary of State, along with the Schedule of Proposed Changes, additional minor modifications and responses to consultations. These formed part of a bundle of submission documents which included the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment screening, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and other relevant evidence, statements and background papers.
4. The draft Waste Core Strategy was formally submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination on 14th January 2013 and the Planning Inspectorate have now appointed Inspector Susan Holland to conduct the examination. To assist the Inspector, the Councils have appointed Mandy Chatterton as the Programme Officer for the Waste Core Strategy examination.

5. The Inspector has been in contact with the Programme Officer and suggested that the pre-hearing meeting will be held during week commencing 4th March 2013 with the hearing likely to be either week commencing 6th or 13th May 2013.
6. Following the Examination, the Inspector will publish a report which will set out whether or not the Plan is sound. Where it is not considered to be sound she will suggest any further changes, agreed at the hearing, which should be made to make it so. These will subsequently need to be approved by both Councils before the Plan can be adopted formally. It is anticipated that, if the plan is found sound, the Councils will adopt the Waste Core Strategy in Autumn 2013.

Other Options Considered

7. There are no alternative options to consider as the report is for information only.

Reason for Recommendation

8. This report is for information only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. 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.

Financial Implications

10. A reserve of £325,000 has been established to cover the costs of the Examination of the plan by the independent Inspector. It is still unclear as to the total cost of the examination as this will be dependent upon the number of 'sitting' days for the formal hearing, this may become clear once the pre-hearing meeting has taken place.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

11. The production of the Waste Core Strategy is a statutory function of the County Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Committee note the current position with regards to the formal submission of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 24/01/2013)

12. This report is for noting only.

Financial Comments (DJK 28.01.2013)

13. The contents of this report are duly noted; there are no financial implications.

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.