

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

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## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To inform Committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan is being prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council. The Plan is being prepared in two parts. The first part of Plan, the Waste Core Strategy, was adopted by both Councils in December 2013 and sets out the overall vision and strategic planning policies for the development of future waste management facilities across Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.
3. The second part of the Replacement Waste Local Plan will identify specific sites for a range of potential waste management uses including recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion facilities; waste transfer operations; energy recovery facilities. Provision will also need to be made for residual waste requiring disposal although the options for future disposal sites are considered to be limited. This part of the plan will also include detailed development management policies to minimise the potential environmental impacts of waste facilities.
4. Until both parts of the replacement Plan are in place, key policies from the existing Waste Local Plan (Jan 2002) have been saved.
5. A cross party Members project group has been set up to assist in preparation of the Waste Local Plan (Part 2). This comprises Members and officers from both Councils. The first meeting of this group was held on 5 March 2015 to outline the current position and the planned future timetable.
6. Work on the second part of the replacement Waste Local Plan is being progressed in stages. Current work is focussed on identifying and assessing sites for possible allocation. This includes desk top studies of potential site availability in conjunction with each of the District/Borough Councils and Nottingham City Council and targeted consultation with the waste industry, landowners and developers to identify possible sites.
7. Informal consultation on the proposed site selection methodology and an updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was carried out during June and July 2015. Feedback from this stage will be used to refine the site selection methodology which will then be used to undertake a detailed assessment of all potential sites.

8. In response to the consultation, comments were received from local and neighbouring authorities (a total of 11 responses from Parish, District/Borough and County levels); statutory consultees/stakeholders including the Environment Agency, Natural England, Highways England, Historic England and the National Trust (10 responses in total) and the industry/land agents (5 responses) . Only two responses were received from members of the public, along with one from an action group (People Against Incineration – PAIN). A limited number were confirming that they had no comments to make, with the remainder suggesting specific improvements/changes to the methodology or putting forward sites for future consideration (as part of the concurrent call for sites update).
9. Following a detailed assessment of all potential sites, shortlisted sites will be published alongside a draft set of development management policies for informal public consultation. This was originally planned to take place in November 2015 with formal consultation on the Submission Draft document in May 2016 however this timetable is currently being reviewed due to additional work pressures related to the preparation of the Minerals Local Plan. A more detailed update of the planned timetable will be provided to Committee following revisions to the Council's Local Development Scheme.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the progress on the Waste Local Plan.

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