

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

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From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN PROJECT GROUP**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To inform Committee of the setting up of a cross party Members project group to assist in preparation of the Waste Local Plan (Part 2): Site Specific and Development Management Policies.
2. To request approval for the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 and invite representatives.

### **Information and Advice**

3. The County and City Councils have a statutory duty to prepare a Waste Local Plan which provides vision and a framework which will help shape future waste development over the next 15 to 20 years.
4. The purpose of a Project Group is to provide a forum for member/officer discussion on issues arising from the preparation of the Waste Local Plan. The aim is to help inform and 'steer' officers in the preparation of this planning document particularly in relation to potential future site allocations.
5. The group will consider the implications of existing or revised government policy on waste planning, emerging strategies and Plans and policies arising out of the preparation of the Waste Local Plan and the approach used and outcomes of public consultation responses.
6. The group will have no decision making powers, any views and suggestions from the group will be reported to the Councils' relevant Committee/Cabinet (where appropriate) to inform the decisions required at the relevant stages of the plan preparation process. Any decision making powers remain with the relevant Committee/Cabinet (Executive Board in the case of the City Council).
7. The cross party working group would comprise the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee, one other representative from the largest group of the County Council, a representative from each of the other Parties within the County Council and a representative from Nottingham City Council and would meet as required.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report and invite nominations for the Project Group.

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### **Member/Officer Project Group – Waste Local Plan**

#### **Terms of Reference**

##### **Purpose of the Group:**

The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for member/officer discussion on issues arising from the preparation of the Waste Local Plan. The aim is to help inform and 'steer' officers in the preparation of these planning documents.

##### **Make up of Group:**

Members: The group will be chaired by the Chairman of the County Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee and also include the Vice Chairman of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, one other representative from the largest group of the County Council, a representative from each of the other Parties within the County Council and a representative from Nottingham City Council.

Officers: Officers involved in the preparation or management of the Waste Local Plan.

##### **Remit of Group:**

The two groups will consider the implications of emerging strategies and Plans and policies arising out of the preparation of the Waste Local Plan, the approach used and outcomes of public consultation responses. The groups will have no decision making powers, any views and suggestions from the group will be reported to the relevant Committee/Cabinet (where appropriate) to inform the decisions of that Committee/Cabinet.

##### **Records of meetings:**

The meetings will be held in private, but a public record will be kept.

##### **Confidentially:**

The group will have access to and discuss matters of commercial sensitivity or other information provided by third parties to officers and as such these discussions will remain confidential. (Reasons: Whilst the Local Plan system focuses on openness and transparency, there may be occasions where the Industry or other parties will wish to discuss matters in strict confidence with officers prior to submitting formal representations or other comments in public as part of any on-going consultation).

##### **Frequency of Meetings:**

Meetings will be held as necessary and where practical in advance of any public consultation exercise and Member decision making stage to aid preparation of the Waste Local Plan and guide consultation.