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## Report

### JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT

Members may recall that the County Council is working on a joint Waste Core Strategy with Nottingham City Council to replace its existing Waste Local Plan

#### **Background -Waste Core Strategy progress**

The Joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy will be subject to a period of public consultation on further issues and options between 3 September and 29 October 2010. A core issue will be to decide just how much waste can be recycled and how much can be used to recover energy from in order to reduce the current reliance on landfill. Four possible options each based on a different emphasis of how waste is managed are put forward for comment. These range from meeting the minimum legal recycling targets for municipal waste to much more ambitious levels of recycling and energy recovery that would see landfill rates decline to very low levels over the next 20 years. In all cases finding sufficient new local waste disposal capacity within traditional sites such as old quarries is likely to be very challenging.

The response to this exercise will be used to help draft a preferred approach that will also be consulted upon before a draft Waste Core Strategy is submitted for an independent examination. Adoption is currently scheduled for December 2012.

#### **Current major planning proposals**

**Bentinck proposed new landfill site:** planning permission refused 31 March 2010. The applicant's right to appeal ends 30 September 2010.

**Rufford energy from waste facility** – The Public Inquiry will resume for the third time on 28 September following the Government decision to call in planning application.

**Eastcroft:** Eastcroft Incinerator recently gained planning permission on Appeal for a third line, which will increase the capacity of waste which can be managed at the facility by 100,000 tonnes per annum, increasing it to 250,000 tonnes per annum

#### **Nottingham City Municipal Waste Management Strategy**

The Municipal Waste Management Strategy (MWMS) sets out the aims and intentions for delivery of the waste management service provided by the City Council. This includes the collection, recycling, treatment and disposal of wastes from households,

some commercial premises (known as trade waste), and other Council supporting services to reduce the amount of waste we generate. A new draft MWMS has recently been produced by the City Council and is currently undergoing consultation. It is unique as it is driven by the desire to reduce carbon emissions, as such the MWMS is integrated with the Nottingham Sustainable Energy Strategy, Carbon Management Plan and Nottingham Plan.

Consultation on the draft MWMS runs until 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

### **Recommendation**

That the progress on the Joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy be noted.

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