

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

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From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

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 current progress 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. These sites now need to be assessed in more detail in terms of their location, size and environmental impact. To ensure that this process of site selection is as robust and transparent as possible, it is proposed to consult informally on both the proposed site selection methodology and an updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. Approval to consult on the proposed site selection methodology

will be sought from both Councils in May 2015 to consult with statutory bodies, key stakeholders and other interested parties for a six-week period during June and July 2015. Feedback from this stage will be used to refine the site selection process as appropriate.

8. Shortlisted sites will then be published alongside a draft set of development management policies for informal public consultation in November 2015. Subject to consultation responses, it is proposed to publish the Submission Draft Plan for formal consultation in May 2016. Submission to the Secretary of State is anticipated in October 2016 with possible adoption by April 2017.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

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