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## Report

### JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

#### Purpose of Report

1. To update the Committee on the preparation of Joint Waste Development Plan Documents.

#### Background

- 2 Joint Waste Development Plan Documents (DPDs) are under preparation as part of the Local Development Frameworks of both City and County Councils. Work so far has been focused on the Joint Waste Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD. The first stage of public involvement is the 'Issues and Alternative Options' stage which is aimed at teasing out a genuine choice of options which the final DPD will have to address.
- 3 The purpose of this stage is to ensure DPDs are genuinely front-loaded by informally involving communities in the development of issues and alternative options. A 'Stakeholder Group' consisting of environmental, industry and community representatives has therefore been established to feed into the preparation process, which has met to consider the series of background papers on different methods of waste management which have been prepared to support the Issues and Options report. The Issues and Options report will be published for consultation on 23rd October 2006, with a closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006. (Copies have been provided to all Members of the Joint Committee under separate cover).
- 5 The 9 background papers which have been prepared are:
  - EU, National and Regional Waste Policy
  - Waste Management in Nottinghamshire
  - Recycling
  - Composting
  - Incineration with Energy Recovery

- Other types of Energy Recovery
  - Waste Transfer
  - Sewage Treatment
  - Other Issues
- 10 A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report has also been prepared as part of the process, which highlights the main sustainability issues the DPD will have to address. This is available to view via both Council's web sites.
- 11 The Issues and Options report focuses on the different waste management methods, and seeks views on the most appropriate mix of management options, as well as the scope of future development control policies. It does not consider the location of any future waste treatment facilities, as this will be the subject of a future joint Site Specific Policies DPD, which will be prepared once the Core Strategy is adopted.
- 12 Once comments have been received and digested on the Issues and Options report, the two authorities will prepare a Preferred Options document, setting out the proposed policy direction for how waste will be planned for across the Plan area. This will also be subject to widespread public consultation, following which the Submission Draft of the DPD will be prepared, which will be subject to independent Examination and a binding Inspector's report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 13 It is RECOMMENDED that Members of the Committee note the contents of the report.

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