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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

1 <u>SUMMARY</u>

1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and in particular the current stage following publication and prior to submission of the Plan for examination.

2 BACKGROUND

Minerals

- 2.1 The County Council is preparing a revised Minerals Local Plan. It will cover the County area (policies for the City are included in its Land and Planning Policies document Part 2 Local Plan).
- 2.2 Following completion of several stages of consultation, including an Issues and Options stage which took place between 20 November 2017 and 14 January 2018 and consultation on a Draft Minerals Plan document which took place between 27 July and 28 September 2018, the County Council approved the Plan for formal publication at its meeting on 11 July 2019. The Plan was published between 30 August and 11 October for the making of formal representations
- 2.3 A total of 304 representations were registered during this period from 108 individuals or organisations
- 2.4 The key issues arising from the representations received which have particular relevance for the Nottingham area were:
 - The minerals industry argued that the identified provision for sand and gravel over the plan period was inadequate due to expected future growth and falling reserves in surrounding areas.
 - Objections from specific local communities affected by quarries. This related to the impacts on the environment and local amenity. There was considerable level of responses, objecting to the proposed allocation of land at Mill Hill, Barton in Fabis, close to the boundary with the City.

- 2.4 Officers have now completed assembling all the representations and are currently summarising the key issues emerging and considering if any further response is required prior to submission
- 2.5 The Plan is due to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in January 2020 along with the representations made and the evidence base which has informed the content of the Plan. It is hoped that the examination will take place in Spring 2020 and the Plan is able to be adopted by the end of 2020.

3 <u>RECOMMENDATION(S)</u>

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

4 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

4.1 None.

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