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## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To inform Committee of progress with preparing the joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan and Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), as amended by the Localism Act (2011), along with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (2012), requires County Councils and Unitary Authorities to prepare statutory Local Plans for minerals and waste.
3. Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council are working together to prepare a joint Waste Local Plan and the County Council is also producing a separate Minerals Local Plan for the administrative area of Nottinghamshire. Nottingham City Council includes minerals policies within its Local Plan to ensure that the regulations are met. Progress with the respective minerals and waste Local Plans is set out below.

#### Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan

4. The replacement Waste Local Plan is being prepared in two parts and will progressively replace the existing Waste Local Plan which was adopted in January 2002. Relevant policies from this Plan have been saved until such time as they are replaced by the new Plan. The first part of the new Waste Local Plan, the Waste Core Strategy, was adopted 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.
5. Work on Part 2 of the Waste Local Plan is focussed on identifying specific sites for a range of potential waste management uses (including facilities for recycling, composting/anaerobic digestion, transfer, energy recovery and disposal) and setting out detailed development management policies.
6. Potential site allocations and/or areas of search are currently being shortlisted in conjunction with each of the District/Borough Councils and Nottingham City Council. Informal public consultation on potential sites and a draft set of development management policies is currently planned to take place in early 2017.

## Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

7. The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan is being prepared as a single Local Plan and will replace the current Plan which was adopted in December 2005. The new Plan will look ahead to 2030.
8. The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan identifies sites and sets out policies against which all minerals development proposals will be assessed and determined by the County Council. The overall aim of the Plan is to ensure that sufficient minerals are provided to meet expected demand in the most sustainable way and to safeguard proven mineral resources from being unnecessarily sterilised by other development.
9. The Plan has been through a number of informal consultation stages between 2012 and 2014. The final Submission Draft Document was published for formal consultation in February 2016. As part of the consultation, 937 representations were received from a total of 297 organisations or individuals. This included statutory bodies, local district and parish councils, and members of the public, the minerals industry and interested groups.
10. The main issues raised during the consultation relate to the level of future provision; transport, flood risk, landscape, biodiversity and heritage issues; individual site allocations; and concerns over potential Shale Gas extraction.
11. Where it is considered appropriate, a number of proposed modifications are being put forward in response to this consultation and will be submitted to the Secretary of State alongside the Minerals Local Plan.
12. Members of the County Council will be asked to approve the submission of the Minerals Local Plan and supporting documents in November 2016.
13. The plan and all the representations received will be subject to an independent examination by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The inspector's role is to consider the 'soundness' of the whole plan. If the Plan is found sound the Plan could potentially be adopted by the County Council in mid-2017.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the progress on the joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan and Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

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